

Kuwait solidarity committee set up

AMMAN (Petra) - Secretary General of the Jordanian Committee for Supporting the Kuwaiti people Mohammad Al Rashdan lauded His Majesty King Hussein's national stands," which stem from Jordan's keenness on the unity of the Arab Nation against the dangers threatening it." Rashdan, speaking in a press conference held to announce the formation of the committee, said associations, public and professional circles in jordan decided to form the committee to support the Kuwaiti people in "this historical stage in the life of the Arab Nation." He said thousands of volunteers willing to defend Kuwait and Iraq from the foreign aggressive threats contacted the committee to express their willingness to participate in what he described as the battle of the Arab Nation against its enemies. He said membership to the committee is open to those who want to take part in this national effort. The committee sent a cable to King Hussein expressing its support for his national courageous stands. The Iraqi ambassador to Jordan Tuesday received a delegation comprising presidents of the professional unions in Jordan who paid a visit to the embassy in Amman to express their solidarity with the Iraqi people

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## King receives Saudi

message AMMAN (Petra) — His

Majesty King Hussein re-ceived at Al Nadwa Palace Tuesday evening Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Khuwaiter, Saudi Arabia's minister of education and higher education, who delivered a message to him from King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz. The letter comes within the framework of consultations and exchange of ideas over the developments in the Gulf region and strengthening bilateral Arab efforts to reach a

conclusion to the conflict. The Saudi envoy was also briefed by the King on the latest Jordanian contacts to formulate an Arab solution on the developments with the aim of curtailing foreign intervention which may lead to escalation of difficulties.

The meeting was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, His Majesty's political advisor and the Saudi ambassador to

Dr. Khuwaiter arrived here Tuesday evening.

#### Israelis ready to test Arrow missile

TEL AVIV (R) - Israel is ready to test its new Arrow air defeace missile, built with U.S. money, security sources said Tuesday. Army radio said the test, which is shrouded in secrecy, would take place very soon. Israel built the Arrow, its main contribution to the U.S. strategic defence initiative known as "Star Wars" over two years for \$160 million - 80 per cent of it provided by Washington. By agreement, the United States owns the technology but Israel may use the missile for its own "defence".

#### lragi pilots grounded in France

PARIS (AP) — Training courses for about 10 Iraqi air force pilots in France have been abruptly cancelled and the aviators await the reopening of air routes before they can go home. The pilots, scattered around several French air force bases for flight training or to familiarise themselves with French equipment purchased by Iraq, were grounded as of Saturday. "They are at the end of their stay," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday. "The pilots will return to Iraq when the air frontiers open again. Unless they don't want to

#### **BBC** reports Iraqi 'jamming'

LONDON (AP) - Iraq has stepped up its attepts to jam Arabic broadcasts by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) world service, the BBC said Tuesday. BBC engineers have detected interference with BBC Arabic transmissions on a range of shortwave frequencies serving the Middle East and traced the jamming to a site south of Baghdad. the BBC said. English broadcasts have not been affected. The BBC expanded its Arabic broadcasts from nine to 101/2 hours daily last week following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

### **West asks Red Cross**

GENEVA (R) - Ambassadors of major Western nations Tuesday asked the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)to act in the Gulf crisis, an ICRC spokesman said. "They came to make a formal request for the ICRC to operate (in the affair)," spokesman Paul-Henri Morard told Renters. He did not elaborate on the exact nature of the request nor identify the nations involved. But one Western diplomat suggested they might have been discussing possible Red Cross help in evacuating foreigners from Iraq and Knwait.

# U.S. to deploy force in S. Arabia

U.S. President George Bush Tuesday ordered several thousand U.S. troops and American jets sent to Saudi Arabia to counter a "threat" from Iraqi troops in Kuwait, U.S. defence officials said.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said a brigade of up to 4,000 paratroopers would be flown from bases along the east coast of the United States. He said Defence Secretary Dick Cheney obtained permission for the move from Saudi officials in talks there Monday.

Aside from possible deployment of troops, the administration was exploring the possibility of an international blockade to choke off trade in and out of Iraq in an effort to reverse its invasion

Bush declined to answer reporters' questions about the crisis in swift escalation in domestic gaso- with leaders in Egypt and Saudi

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Bush had told his cabinet earlier in the day "that he views the Iraqi troops lined up in Kuwait facing Saudi Arabia as a threat to the United States security interests.

Saudi Arabia and we believe that they understand that." Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said an international nav-

That has been our message to

al blockade is "very likely unless the Iraqis back off." There was no immediate confirmation on what types of U.S. fighter planes would be sent to Saudi Arabia, but defence officials said they would probably include both F-15 and F-16 jets, which are considered far superior

to older Iraqi air force fighters. The move came as Chency flew home from Cairo late Tuesday the Gulf that has resulted in a after two days of consultations

had also obtained permission from Egyptian officials to move the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Eisenhower through the Suez Canal from the Mediterranean into the Red Sea.

Stationing the carrier in the Red Sea would put its planes in closer striking distance of any Iraqi troops that crossed the border from Kuwait into Saudi Ara-

Defence officials, confirming an earlier report by CBS News. told Reuters that the troops from the 82nd Airborne division at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, would not be strong enough in number to fight at least 100,000 fraqi troops if they attacked Saudi Arabia but would help rovide security at Saudi airfields where U.S. warplanes would be based.

The airborne troops were expected to be flown to Saudi Arabia directly in Big C-5A transports which would be refuelled in

Earlier, Sen. Nunn said the creation of an international ground force to defend Saudi Arabia while American, British and French air power formed an aerial deterrent would be the 'ideal situation

The carrier Saratoga and four escort ships have left Mayport naval station in Florida on a week's voyage en route to the Mediterranean. The battleship Wisconsin was to leave Norfolk. Virginia for the same area. They would join the Eisenhower and the carrier Independence.

Bush had declared Monday that sanctions approved 13-0 by the United Nations Security Council "will be enforced, whatever it takes."

Fitzwater would not comment on a Washington Post report that Hussein had warned the U.S. charge d'affaires in Iraq, Joseph

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### Kuwaiti regime merges currency with Iraq, declares republic

THE IRAOI-BACKED government in Kuwait Tuesday merged the currencies of Kuwait and Iraq and declared itself a republic.

The merger of the currency was announced by the "provisional government of free-Kuwait" early Tuesday in an order to all commercial banks in Kuwait to reopen and resume functions after a five-day closure following Iraq's invasion of the country in the early hours of Thursday. Kuwait radio, run by the Iraqi-

installed government, said life in Kuwait city was now back to normal. Shops and government offices had reopened after a blanket curiew was eased Mon-

day.
Telephone and other links with the outside world have been stranded Kuwaitis. The United largely severed since the inva-

By Ghadeer Taber

Jordanian officials said the Iraqi-

Jordanian border was open for travellers leaving Iraq by land. An Iraqi Airlines special flight from Baghdad arrived in Amman at

18:15 Tuesday carrying 73 Japanese tourists, five other foreigners, and

34 Iraqi nationals, a Japanese diplo-

According to an airport source,

the Iraqi Airways plane had origi-nally filed a flight plan to Vienna but had to terminate the flight in

Saudi Arabia offered free flights to Riyadh to Kuwaitis marooned in Paris. Huge marquees were set at Saudi port of Khafji just south of the Kuwait border to receive refugees.

Bahrain said it had formed a committee to look after the needs of Kuwaiti refugees there. Many Bahraini families have offered them help.

Banks outside the oil-rich emirate have refused to accept the Luwaiti dinar since the invasion. It had been worth \$3.20, close to the official rate of Iraq's dinar.

The unofficial rate of Iraq's dinar is four to the dollar. Tuesday's currency announcement ties Kuwat's prosperous economy to lrag's shattered by a 1980-1988 war with Iran and an \$80-billion

### **Damascus** meetings conclude

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Mudar Badran returned to Amman Tuesday evening after heading Jordan's side to a meeting of the Joint Jordanian Syrian Higher Committee in Damascus.

Badran said in an arrival statement his talks were successful and the higher committee had endorsed all the subjects included in the agenda giving approval for continued cooperation in economic. educational, cultural, agricultural and social fields.

Badran and his Syrian counterpart Mahmoud Al Zoubi signed the minutes of the deliberations. which were attended by ministers and senior officals from the two

Badran voiced appreciation to the Syrian leadership for its hospitality and serious endeavours to boost cooperation. He said that apart from coop-

eration in several fields the two sides reviewed current developments in the region, "which have a direct bearing on the region's security and stability." The prime minister, who was

received in Damascus Monday evening by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, said he conveyed greetings from His Majesty King Hussein to the Syrian leader and discussed with him various topics on the committee's agen-

Following the meeting with Assad, Badran said that the Arab countries in general and Syria and Jordan in particular were facing "foreign and Israeli threats" and that the "question of Arab solidarity was of utmost import-

### Turkey closes Iraqi pipeline

ANKARA (Agencies) - Turkey announced Tuesday it had stopped tankers from loading Iraqi oil from the last operating pipeline through the country and Iraq was reported to have reduced its flow of oil through its pipeline across Saudi Arabia.

The Turkish decision effectively stops the operation of the pipeline taking oil from northern Iraq to a Turkish terminal at the northeastern tip of the Mediterra-

Mehmet Kececiler, state minister in charge of oil affairs, said Irac could continue to pump crude oil through the pipeline until the storage tanks at the terminal were full, but then must

stop pumping. The minister said it would take about six days to reach capacity in

## Saddam Hussein: Take-over 'violent response to threats'

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraqi invasion was to correct the origin-President Saddam Hussein, iso- al flawed borders drawn up by lated by the world for his invasion of Kuwait, defended the blitzkrieg Tuesday as a "very violent response" to foreign threats against Iraq.

"The second of August came as a very violent response to the harm that the foreigner had wanted to perpetrate against Iraq and the nation," he said in a speech on Iraqi radio.

About 100,000 Iraqi troops entered Kuwait on August 2 after Hussein accused his neighbour of stabbing Iraq in the back by pumping too much and driving down the price.

Hussein said Tuesday that the has been signed. More than 100,000

He said he would reject any

foreign pressure for him to with-"We would rather die than be humiliated, and we will pluck out the eyes of those who attack the Arab Nation," said the president

in a speech read by a Baghdad Radio announcer, monitored in Nicosia. The president said that the events carried on the tradition of

Iraqi victories that started with the Gulf war with Iran in 1980-88. That was ended in a ceasefire

in August 1988 and no peace pact

prisoners of war remain to be exchanged and the disputed Shatt Al Arab, Baghdad's main outlet to the sea, remains blocked.

The Kuwait invasion is "a new period in which the sun will shine on us in the coming days," said the Iraqi president.

He said that the colonial powers drew up the maps of the Middle East to keep the population centres away from the region's wealth of natural sources. That left "the minority with a

vast amount of rich reserves of the area it did not own, while the majority fell in need," said the

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### Kuwaiti dissident groups hint at solution without Sabah

family in solving the dispute.

By a Staff Reporter

LEADERS of two Kuwaiti opposition groups on Tuesday issued a statement calling on Iraq to withdraw its troops from Kuwait and ensure for the Kuwaiti people the right to self-determination to be followed by a solution to the Kuwaiti-Iraqi dispute based on national Arab interests and away from foreign interference in the two countries' affairs.

Ahmad Al Khatib, a former member of the Kuwaiti parliament who now heads the pan-Arabist "Democratic Bloc," and Jassem Qtami who signed the statement on behalf the "National Bloc," stressed the need of an Iraqi withdrawal and

countries, but failed to mention

any role for the deposed Sabah

negotiations to solve outstanding problems between the two

Some Jordanian observers interpreted the absence of any reference to the Sabah family in the statement as a sign that Kuwaiti political groups who were opposed to the former regime might accept a solution with Iraq on the basis of Kuwaiti independence and sovereignty without necessarily going back to the status quo before the invasion.

Following is a full text of the statement which was made available to the Jordan Times yesterday:

The democratic coalition and the national coalition have followed with great concern the developments following Traq's occupation of Kuwait which constituted an encroachment of Kuwait's national sovereignty. The developments have also led to a dangerous situation which

does not serve the interest of the Arab people in any possible way. Now there appears in the horizon the possibility of a flagrant foreign intervention which serves foreign and Zionist interests since all enemy powers of the Arab people have benefitted from the development of events and have started preparing to hit the Arab military power to further serve

In view of the above, the Kuwaiti national forces see that any delay from the Iraqi side to solve the crisis will bring great harm to the interests of the Arab people, especially the brotherly people of Iraq and Kuwait.

Out of this concept we see that the quick measures which

## Senate denounces 'U.S.-led campaign against Arabs'

House of Parliament (Senate) said Tuesday the essence of the crisis between Iraq and Kuwait lies in "policies that lead to the decline in oil prices and the damages this decline inflicted on the Arab Nation. In a statement issued Tuesday the Senate said, "the determination to the superpowers, along with Israel, to dominate this strategic Arab wealth (oil) and use it to serve only their interests was a main cause for the crisis "

"Although the Senate is aware of the importance of settling border disputes among all Arab countries and is aware of the importance of oil, the continuation of its flow and its role in the progress of the human civilisation, it believes in the importance of Arab oil as a national wealth that should not be subject for

AMMAN (Petra) — The Upper harm the higher Arab interest and the Arab legitimate right to this wealth," the statement said.

ment is deeply concerned over the extent that the matters reached between brothers because of the absence of one Arab will as a result of some hasty decisions and what they caused of damage to the Arab performance in addressing the problem, causing the failure of solving it within the framework of the Arab family," the statement said.

being exploited by any party to intervention by all of its forms to

complicate the international situation and threaten the Arab

"The Upper House of Parlia-The statement said: "The

House regrets the resolution adopted by the Arab League Council on the crisis between Iraq and Kuwait and warns that it was a reason for harming higher Arab interests and a cause for establishing disunity among Arabs, undermining the Arab stand and was a cover for foreign

destiny.

The Senate, it added, "denounces that the United States and its allies for launching this extensive campaign on the conflict between two Arab states while the U.S. itself conspicuously committed an armed aggression against a small neighbouring country, and even occupied it without even one conscience moving to condemn this aggression or fighting it. The Senate denounces even more the silence of the U.S. and its allies on Israel's occupation of Arab lands, in Palestine, the Golan Heights and Lebanon. The U.S. has always been protecting the Israeli aggression and supplying it with money and arms and political

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# Mubarak said to reject U.S. request for facilities

ALEXANDRIA (Agencies) — President Hosni Mubarak Tuesday received senior Iraqi. Kuwaiti and American officials as he stepped up his diplomatic efforts to end Iraq's take-over of Kuwait and was reported to have turned down a U.S. request for military facilities.

Mubarak received a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, explaining why Iraqi troops took-over Kuwait last Thursday. The message was relayed by Izzat Ibrahim, vicepresident and deputy chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council.

Presidential sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. said the message to Mubarak concerned "the present situation and its development. It explains the Iraqi view point on the present crisis."

After Mubarak and Ibrahim met for two hours, including a working lunch, the Iraqi official left and Mubarak met with refused to talk to reporters as he departed Ras Al Teen palace.

U.S. Defence Department sources in Washington said Cheney was seeking approval from Mubarak to move the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower with its complement of sophisticated aircraft — through the Suez

Canal. Cheney also was seeking the cooperation of Mideastern nations to station a multinational ground force in Saudi Arabia. said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Radio Monte Carlo quoted sources as saying the Egyptian president had refused to give guarantees or grant military faci-lities to the Pentagon.

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali, in an interview with French radio said that "Egypt wants to prevent any foreign intervention in the area and is working on a peaceful solution to the conflict.

He stressed that the most important thing at this time was to extend all efforts to open a dialogue between the parties to the conflict who will in turn make their own solution.

Earlier in the day, Mubarak spoke on the phone with U.S. President George Bush. The two leaders discussed the situation in Kuwait. The presidential sources said Mubarak later discussed with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney "the explosive situa-

tion in the Gulf region." Mubarak then received Kuwaiti Crown Prince Shekh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, who along with other senior Kuwaiti officials fled the country following the

"It is always good to come to our eldest sister Egypt... which has borne the severest of pressures and has made the dearest of sacrifices." said a written arrival statement by Sheikh Saad which was distributed to reporters.

## for help in Gulf

Amman after Austrian authorities refused landing rights for the air-Monday by the U.N. Security

Council.

'The airline is trying to make arrangements for another flight. Jordan Times Staff Reporter most likely to Europe," the AMMAN - The first group of foreigners to leave Baghdad after Japanese diplomat said.

Others abourd the flight included last week's Iraqi invasion of Kuwait landed in Amman Tuesday as

Alsa Hussein Ali

Gulf states are helping

Arab Emirates ordered hotels to

out them up free of charge and

First group of foreigners

arrives here from Baghdad

two Belgians, one Italian, one Spa-

Egyptian, Syrian and Lebanese nationals had crossed into Jordan sing the border by land.

niard and one Dutch national. The plane was believed to be the first to leave Baghdad with foreigners since Iraq invaded Kuwait Thursday. Security sources said that several

from Iraq across the border but as of press time there was no confirmation of any Westerners cros-Officials said Ireq had opened its border with Jordan and the King-dom has agreed to a request by the U.S. embassy to facilitate Amer-ican nationals' passage to Jordan. "The American embassy has conevacuate some non-essential American staff and embassy staff dependents," Minister of Information Ibrahim Izzeddin told the Jordan Times. "We will provide all possible assistance to them," he added A security source said the U.S.

embassy planned to send two buses to Al Ruweished, 360 kilometres from Amman, but 70 kilometres short of the actual frontier, to evacuate non-essential embassy staff and dependents. Baghdad is another 950 kilometres east. A U.S. embassy source con-

firmed that there was a drawdown in embassy staff in the U.S. embassies in Baghdad and Kuwait. "Both for the departure of non-essential staff and dependents," the diplo-mat said. "Private American

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## Impact of Kuwaiti devaluation not immediately felt in Jordan

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanian commercial banks did not take any immediate beed of a "devaluation" of the Knwait dinar announced Sunday by the "provisional" Iraq-backed goveroment in Kuwait and continued to extend a KD 1-to-JD 1 "deposit/ loan" facility offered to Kuwaiti nationals and Jordanian residents of Kuwait now in Jordan, according to

banking officials.

Officials from the four banks which implemented the arrangement Sunday - the Jordan Kuwait Bank, the Homiog Bank, the Arab Bank and the Islamic Bank — said they had no immediate plans to call off the arrangement, but the possibility remained that the situation could change by the time the banks reopen

"We are continuing to release lordanian dinars against deposits in

Kuwaiti dinars on a one-to-one ' said Sufian Sartawi, directorgeneral of the Jordan Kuwan Bank. The arrangement, worked out under instructions from the government in a bid to help Kuwaiti nationals stranded in Jordan in the wake of the take-over of their country by Iraq, remained in place Tuesday also at the

other three banks. "Business was as usual today," said a senior official at the Arab Bank. "I do not know about tomorrow; perhaps the arrangement may be terinated, perhaps not." The provisional government in

Kuwait Tuesday ordered the reopening of all banks in the country after effectively devaluing the Kuwaiti dinars by announcing that it was now at par with the Iraqi dinar. Before the Iraqi take-over of Kuwait, each Kuwaiti dinar used to be equivalent to 12 Iraqi dinars in the free market. Officially, the Iraqi dinar, which is not convertible and is under strict export control measures, is worth

\$3.20 while in the Iraqi black market it takes four dinars to buy one dollar. On Wednesday, one day before traci troops moved in to their Gulf neighbour, the Kuwaiti dinar was set at 0.29 to the dollar. Since then, the Central Bank of Kuwait has ceased issuing its daily exchange rate bulle-

There was no instructions or guide lines issued Tuesday by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) in response to the announcement from the Iraqibacked regime in Kuwait. Sartawi and other officials said. But, explained analyst Fahed Fanek, "the Central Bank is not directly involved in the moneychanging market and therefore there need not be any CBJ intervention."

At the same time, Fanck pointed out, the officially set rates of ex-change of the Iraqi dinar and Kuwaiti dinar for purposes of imports and exports were almost the same in

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### Iraqi army — almost impregnable in desert war

Reuter

CAIR — Iraqi's big battalions would be impossible to crack in a long desert war.

But military analysts say the air and naval forces now gathering in the region provide enough punch to strangle the country over a period of months and, if necessary, paralyse it with a tattoo of massive hammer blows within a

There are, the analysts say, three basic options available to U.S. and allied forces converging on the Gulf, with air power playing a leading role in each.

The first is a simple blockade, enforcing global sanctions agreed by the U.N. Security Council and designed to apply a stranglehold that could take weeks or months to bite.

A boycott could eventually bring in neighbouring Saudi Arabia in the conflict. Analysts said Iraq's most likely target would be the large Gowar oilfield near the oasis town of Hofuf in the kingdom's eastern province, southwest of Dhahran.

That could bring in option two - air strikes aimed at blunting an Iraqi offensive.

"The Iraqi military weakness is logistic support. Although Iraqi armour would be able to speed along highways, they tend to get into difficulties when they go on the offensive," said Don Kerr of the International Institute

for Strategic Studies. With 75 combat aircraft available from U.S. carriers in the area, Iraq's burnt-out tanks would be left to rust in the sand. Baghdad's mainly elderly combat jets would be easily outclassed by the American F-14s and F-16s.

Iraq's 1980 thrust into Iran quickly ran out of steam largely because the support system broke down.

The rest of the eight-year war with Iran had the Iraqis fighting mainly behind wellprepared defences against "human wave" assaults. Unlike the Americans, the Iranians did not have B-52 bombers capable of carpeting the battlefield with high explo-

MOSCOW (AP) - The interna-

tional military buildup and "naval

muscle-flexing" in the Gulf are

not the most effective ways of

pressing Iraq to withdraw from

Kuwait, a Soviet Foreign Minis-

the Indian Ocean were dispatch-

ed to the Gulf to ensure safe

navigation of commercial ship-

ping, but Moscow has not discus-

sed joining an international naval

blockade of Iraq, spokesman

U.S. Ambassador Jack Mat-

lock met Tuesday with the Soviet

official who has been holding

regular talks with Iraq's ambassa-

dor in Moscow since Baghdad

invaded Kuwait last week, TASS

not disclose any details of the

meeting between Matlock and

Deputy Foreign Minister Alexan-

der Belonogov, except to say it

was at the American's request.

sence and naval muscle-flexing in

such a very tense and very com-

plex situation is not the best line

of action," Gremitskikh told a

regular news briefing.

"A buildup in the military pre-

The official news agency did

Yuri Gremitskikh said.

reported.

Two Soviet warships patrolling

try spokesman said Tuesday.

The third option was a "doomsday" scenario.

It would involve massive blows, struck by the B-52 bombers, each carrying more than 100 500-pound bombs as well as air-launched Tomahawk cruise missile fitted with con-

ventional warheads. Iraq has no effective defence against air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMS). Accurate to within 30 metres over a range of about 1,500 km, their use would reduce risks to the lives of American pilots.

The aim would be to paralyse Iraq as a viable military machine by fracturing its central nervous system.

First, F-111 planes, specialised in low-altitude penetration and precision bombing. would strike, neutralising Iraq's substantial air defence system.

Some of these aircraft were reported to be operating out of Incirlik air base in Turkey, but military sources said it was uncertain Ankara would give the go-ahead.

At any rate, F-111s could operate with in-flight refuelling from European airfields once NATO gave the green light even if Turkey remained neutral in the crisis.

Then, to block Iraq from retaliating with modified Scub-B missiles, Tomahawk ALCMS would seek out missile launch sites, stockpiles of chemical/biological arms and

Having blown gaping holes in Iraq's ability to counter the threat from the air. B-52 bombers brought in from Diego Garcia and Guam would move in to pulverize strategic targets.

Water and communications are also keys.

Bridges. highways. dams, airfields, power plants, oil depots and railways would be hit repeatedly over several days. One important target would

be the Darbanikhan dam near the border town of Halabja. The dam supplies not only most of the water for Baghdad and surrounding industrial

Two highways linking Baghdad with Iraq's Gulf outlet at Basra would also have to be

Moscow: 'Muscle flexing'

He was careful to avoid direct

criticism of the United States.

which has a 15-ship navy battle

group poised at the mouth of the

Gulf. He noted that France also

has three warships in the region.

U.S. bombers have been flown to

Turkey, and increased Saudi

forces have been deployed along

Union prefers a political solution

to resolve the crisis, such as the

worldwide trade embargo

ordered by the U.N. Security

He would not comment on

reports the U.S. Defence Depart-

ment has proposed an interna-

tional naval blockade of the Gulf

that would include Soviet forces.

France, Canada and Britain have

said a naval blockade should not

be ruled out as a way of pressur-

thinking about such an idea,"

Gremitskikh said. "I'm not aware

that any proposal has been made

troyer and an anti-submarine ves-

sel on duty in the Indian Ocean

Gremitskikh said a Soviet des-

"I don't think that we are

ing Iraq to withdraw.

to us.

Council and diplomatic interven-

tion by other Arab states.

Gremitskikh said the Soviet

the Kuwaiti border.

not offective in Gulf

areas, but also much of the

kept out of commission. All in all, the analysts say, Iraq could be shattered as a viable state within a week -or at the most, 10 days.

That was the textbook answer to the problem of bringing Iraq to heel, but reality could spring nasty sur-The United States and its

Arab allies should avoid at all costs a gruelling ground war, said Don Kerr. Only the very fit, already

acclimatised and familiar with the Middle East, could survive let alone operate effectively in summer temperatures far above the boiling point of blood.

At best, a soldier from the cool northern hemisphere would suffer from lethargy without weeks of desert train-

ing.
Many would dehydrate quickly and collapse from exhaustion and heat stroke. Featureless desert and direct sun could cause more casualties than Iraqi firepower.

On the ground, Iragis would be fighting on their own terms in terrain they knew well. Keeping U.S. troops supplied in desert conditions

thousands of kilometres from home would be a Pentagon nightmare. The unfamiliar and unknown - to say nothing of the

heat - can degrade effectiveness, and spoil the way men use the best equipment," Kerr On the defence, sheltering

in deep trenches and with artillery support, well-disciplined. highly-motivated Iraqis would be difficult if not impossible to

Paul Beaver, publisher of Jane's Defence Weekly. pointed out that Iraq has 55 fulltime divisions and a further 11 part-time divisions - all told, a million men and women under arms.

That is more than NATO member-states can muster in Europe.

Iraq's army is considerably larger than U.S. ground

Ultimately, a test of strength would pit Iraqi muscle on the ground against the long, hightech reach of Washington's

were dispatched to the region "to

ensure safety of navigation of

Soviet civilian vessels." A Soviet

destroyer was sighted near the

Straits of Hormuz Tuesday, the

first Soviet warship to enter the

The Soviet Union has conde-

mned Iraq's invasion of Kuwait,

urged a speedy withdrawal of

Iraqi troops and cut off arms

supplies to Baghdad. The Soviet

press has sharply criticised the

actions of Moscow's long-time

Belonogov was quoted as tell-

ing the government newspaper

Izvestia the Foreign Ministry is

working on plans to evacuate

Soviets from Kuwait by air or sea.

Almost 900 Soviets live in

Kuwait, and 8,000 in Iraq, includ-

ing diplomats, businessmen.

military advisers and oil workers.

have asked for Soviet help in

evacuating their nationals, Be-

The Soviet diplomat told Izves

tia that implementing the U.N.

embargo will hurt the Soviet eco-

nomy. He did not elaborate, but

the Soviet Union had been Iraq's

lonogov said.

main arms supplier.

Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia

Gulf in two months.

### Israeli settlers kill Palestinian woman

HEBRON, occupied West Bank (Agencies) — Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank shot dead a Palestinian woman escorting a pregnant relative to hospital in a new cycle of violence sparked by the killing of two Jewish

At least 60 Palestinians were injured overnight in Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank in attacks by Israelis armed with stones and bottles, hospitals said.

Police deployed hundreds of additional forces in the city on Tuesday to quell the violence, but often did not interfere when Jews stoned or beat Arab motorists and pedestrians.

Thousands of Israelis attended the funeral of 18-year-old Ronen Karamani and 17-year-old Lior Tubul. Many mourners chanted "Death to the Arabs" and others shouted "The killers should be

As the funeral procession of cars and pedestrians snaked through Jerusalem, mourners sporadically broke out of the convoy to attack Arabs. At one point, a group of black-hatted orthodox Jews approached a car and demanded that the driver, whom they suspected of being an Arab, show his identity card.

Just before the start of the ceremonies, an angry mob attacked an Israeli television crew covering the funeral, army radio said. Other journalists were pushed and shoved by the crowd.

On the main highway linking Jerusalem and the West Bank town of Bethlehem, mobs stoned an Arab-owned Volkswagen. The car overturned, and the driver was seriously injured. A woman passenger and two children suffered light injuries, police said.

### Arafat leaves Jeddah after Fahd's 'snub'

JEDDAH (AP) - Yasser Arafat left Tuesday after failing to sell Saudi Arabian King Fahd a Palestinian-Libyan peace plan designed to appease Iraqi President Saddam Hussein while insuring Iraq withdraw from Kuwait.

Arab diplomatic sources said Arafat was greeted at the airport Monday by a low-ranking member of the Saudi royal family and not by Fahd, a major snub in the protocol-conscious Middle East.

The Palestinian leader had to wait a good six hours at the conference palace until the king accepted to see him for a "mere half hour." said one diplomat. who spoke on condition of anony-

Arafat, he said, offered the king a set of proposals he drew up with Libyan leader Muammar Oadhafi.

The sources said the proposals call for Kuwait to cede its Bubiyan Island, a part of its Rumeilah oil field, and pay Iraq an undisclosed sum, possibly the \$2.5 billion it said. Kuwait stole in oil from Rumeilah field. It straddles their border.

In return, they said, Iraq would withdraw from Kuwait and reinstate the Al Sabah family as the legitimate rulers of the country. Kuwait.

"The king listened patiently with Arafat doing all the talking," said one diplomat with strong Saudi connections. "The king made no comment and the meeting ended rather abruptly."

He claimed that the king, along with other Gulf Arab leaders, were deeply displeased with Arafat for his failure to offer at least vocal support for Kuwait against

An estimated 400,000 Palestinians live and work in Kuwait, many as citizens. Kuwaiti leaders have played a leading role in sponsoring the Palestinian cause. with vast financial assistance and moral backing.

Palestinians believe the backing could have been more substantial considering the scope of Gulf wealth.

"We think Arafat would do much better for himself if he left us alon and devoted his efforts solving the Palestinian question. said one senior Saudi official, who insisted on anonymity. The sources refused to com-

ment on a plethora of reports and speculation in Western and Arab capitals about Arafat actively aiding the Iraqis in their take-over of

#### First group arrives in Amman

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and Kuwait) when circumstances permit," he added. There was no firm indication whether Iran had informed that their Baghdad staff would be allowed to leave. The embassy source said it was

only a "drawdown," which means "business as usual" and not an evacuation in which all the embassy staff leave. Other Western embassies in Am-

man said the Jordanian government has offered to help their citizens entering Jordan either by air from Kuwait or air or land from Iraq but the British home office and the West German government said earlier that they had no information that their citizens were being allowed to leave. The French embassy said that it also had no information to suggest that French nationals were given permission to

A Jordanian Foreign Ministry official said anyone would be granted an entry visa with or without travel documents. Those who do not have travel documents would need their embassies in Amman youch for them.

A security source said Iraq point Monday night and dozens of Egyptian and Syrian residents of Kuwait had crossed into Jordan by

Tuesday morning.
The Iraqi embassy in refused to confirm or deny that the border was open and that foreigners were allowed to leave Iraq or "We do not have any

Iraq's ambassador to Greece, however, was quoted by Reuters as saying that no foreigners were being held hostage and all foreign nationals were free to leave if they desired "by land through Jordan or Turkey."

A Western diplomat in Amman said that a busload of Spanish tourists had left Baghdad and was heading towards Amman. Their arrival could not be verified immediately.

A Jordanian official said Iraq bad

not informed Amman that foreigners would be allowed to leave but "anyone is welcome and the Kingdom's borders are open." Thousands of foreigners were stranded in Kuwait after Iraq took-

over the sheikhdom, closing the airport and borders. Iraq also closed its own airports and border with Jordan. Iraq later moved several hundred Westerners from Kuwait to Baghdad, including 200 British Airways passengers stranded in Kuwait. Baghdad said the transfer was a "matter of policy" but gave no other information. A British embassy source said that 35 British servicemen were being "held against their will" and the British charge d'affaires saw them Monday. British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said in a statement Monday the servicemen

### U.N. sanctions on Iraq UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) ternational economic sanctions tions.

 Within hours of the Security Council vote to impose on Irao and Kuwait the toughest economic sanctions in the U.N.'s 45year history, nations around the world were rushing to comply.

The U.N. vote by 13 to nil with two abstentions — Cuba and Yemen — bans arms sales, oil exports and virtually all trade with the two countries.

The 15 Security Council members are the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, France, China, Canada, Colombia, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Finland, Zaire, Romania, Cuba and Yemen.

The United States, Japan and the European Community (EC) had already announced sanctions, and by their votes in the council, all but the two abstainers committed themselves to follow suit. China and the Soviet Union

had already announced a halt to arms shipment to Iraq. U.S. President George Bush

and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher vowed to do everything possible to ensure the sanctions were enforced and they did not rule out any action. Notable by their lack of re-

sponse were the Arab Nations, although the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) was in emergency session at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Turkey --- crossed by a pipeline

carrying half of all Iraq's vital oil exports, Turkey said it would impose the U.N. sanctions against Baghdad. Brazil — Brazil, which has

been a major supplier of arms to Iraq, suspended all imports and exports there to comply with sanctions Switzerland — The neutral

country said it would take the unprecedented step of joining in-

against Irao and Kuwait.

Countries rush to follow

Sweden — The neutral country said it would back sanctions, and that it was trying to find ways of moving its nationals quickly out of Iraq and Kuwait.

European Community -Ambassadors from the 12-nation bloc were meeting to approve the necessary legislation following the U.N. vote. Sanctions are expected to be in place by Wednes-

Belgium — Foreign Ministry said Belgium's observance of U.N. sanctions would depend on their compatibility with Belgian

Spain - Spain imposed controls on Iraqi assets, but stopped short of an outright freeze. It has already made a similar ruling on Kuwaiti assets, insisting they must be authorised by the Fi-

nance Ministry.
Iceland — The Icelandic government said it had no business dealings with Iraq or Kuwait, and would comply with the U.N. economic sanctions by not taking up

Poland — The country's deputy foreign minister said sanctions against Iraq were justified and a

decision on their implementation would be taken by the prime minister later Tuesday. Norway - The Norwegian government agreed to comply.

Gibraltar — The British colony clamped controls over Iraqi and Kuwaiti-held assets, subjecting them to clearance by the govern-Australia — The government

agreed to abide by the U.N. vote. Taiwan — Officials of the nationalist government, which does not hold a seat at the United Nations, declined to say whether the island would observe sanc-

India - India, heavily dependent on Iraq and Kuwait for oil

supplies, and with 170,000 nationals in Kuwait, said it planned no early decision on compliance with sanctions.

In Dubai, oil leaders said buyers around the world were obeying the ban against Iraq. "The market is extremely tight,

there are no products to sell... if you hint to a buyer you might have something soon, the first thing they ask is if there is any Iraqi crude in it," a trader said. Crude oil exports are easy to

monitor as tankers would be observed leaving the three Iraqi oil terminals, but refined products are difficult to track once they change hands.

Iraq and Kuwait have proces sing deals of 39,000 and 20,000 barrels per day at Yemen's 170,000 barrels per day (bpd) Aden refinery.

"Buyers don't want to touch products coming out of Aden, it's like they were diseased," one Gulf-based oil trader said. Yemen, linked to Iraq through

the four-member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC), declined to take part in the sanctions' vote. Iraqi and Kuwaiti crude are blended with crudes coming from other sources at the refinery, so there is no way to tell if a particular cargo coming out Aden is free from their oil, the traders said.
Iraq also sells products from its Zubair port in the northern Gulf

and from a private tank farm at Jabal Ali port in-Dubai. Shipping and oil sources said the number of tankers coming into the Gulf have declined significantly since the Iraqi invasion due to the ban and disappearance from the market of Kuwaiti sup-

plies.

#### No impact yet of Kuwaiti 'devaluation' equivalent to about KD 50,000 at

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Jordan. The CBJ will be involved only where the official rates are concerned, and the moneychanging market will continue to be controlled by supply and demand situation, he

"Of course, it is a disaster for the Kuwaiti dinar," he said. "On the other hand, it also gives a floor for the currency in that there is a mi value for it. Following the (Iraqi takeover of Kuwait) its value was anywhere between zero fils and its previous exchange rate. Now it can't go below the value of the Iraqi dinar in the parallel market."

"The Iraqi dinar, which has already gained in Jordan by 17 per cent (since the Iraqi takeover), will definitely go dinar with it," Fanek predicted.

The Iraqi dinar continued to be quoted at an average of 185 fils at Jordanian banks and there was no immediate boost to the currency following Tuesday's announcement in Kuwait. International reports said the new

regime's move had set the stage for hyperinflation in Kuwait, and according to a European banker in the United Arab Emirates, the best assessment of the real value of the post-take-over Kuwaiti dinar would be to check the prices of goods in Kuwait shops. According to press reports, the Central Bank of Kuwait had around

\$2.3 billion of currency reserves and 2.54 million ounces of gold in its vaults when Iraqi troops crossed over the border and took control of the country in the early hours of Thursday. These reserves represent the only real assets left to back the Kuwaiti currency and the new regime

now controls them. "I believe the (devaluation) move was aimed at stopping smuggling of Kuwaiti dinars outside," said Dr. Maher Waked, a former senior official of the Central Bank of Jordan and now a director of the Bank of Jordan. "If large amounts of Kuwaiti dinars were to be smuggled out of the country then it will pose a real problem as far as the monetary situation and reserves are concerned," Dr. Waked told the Jordan Times against

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a backdrop of reports that thousands of Kuwaitis were fleeing their country to neighbouring Saudi Arabia across the desert, well away from checkpoints set up by Iraqi troops. According to Dr. Adnan Sallakh,

deputy general manager of Grindlays Bank, "unless there is an agreement among the bank the devaluation is of no immediate effect since no banks. are dealing with the currency." All commercial banks in Jordan stopped buying and selling Kuwaiti din cardy this week, a move which prompted the government to arrange for the "deposit/loan" facility for Kuwaitis stranded in the Kingdom. (A similar arrangement was also reported from Saudi Arabia. The rate was reported to be 10 Saudi riyals to every Kuwaiti dinar).

set a ceiling of between JD 500 and JD 1,000 as the maximum permissible amount under this arrangement. "Any single transaction involving more than JD 1,000 should have the approval of the head office management." said the head of the deposits section of the Jordan Kuwaiti Bank. The ceiling was JD 500 at the Housing Bank. The Islamic Bank said it had set no ceiling, and the Arab Bank declined comment.

No precise estimate of the total volume of Kuwaiti dinars deposited under the arrangement in the four banks was available but knowledgeable banking sources put the amount at around JD 130,000 to JD140,000 --

pre-invasion exchange rates. Faisal Al Mukhaizem, acting mbassador at the Kuwaiti embassy here, assailed the "devaluation" of the Kuwaiti dinar as "a totally un-nationalist move coming from a totally unnationalistic regime" in Kuwait. 'Our currency is so strong that no bank is going to accept the devalua-tion. The (new regime) wants to destroy our economy."

Contacted by the Jordan Times at a

five that hotel in Affinian, a Kuwaiti national who said he was a bank officer in Kuwait commented: "! would not take much notice of the devaluation if it was not for the Iraqi dinar linkage which now implies that the foreign debts of Iraq will be balanced against the foreign assets of rise in the value of the Iraqi dinar in the next few days."

"It's a severe blow," wailed a parallel market buyer in downtown Amman. "We offered JD 1.5 to JD 1.75 for the Kuwaiti dinar last week when no banks would accept the currency," the "buyer" said. " the best we can hope to get for what we bought is 175 fils to the dinar at the banks' rate or whatever the Iraqi dinar fetches."

But, he added, "I am sure that some solution will be found to the entire problem soon and the currency will regain its value. Who knows, it might even go higher than what it was

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foreign debt. Later Tuesday, the govern-

lishing the royal government system in the country, replacing the dawn aspired by all the free." emirate with a republic. The announcement, carried on

News Agency, said the move was "an essential change on the road of the comprehensive national and pan-Arab goals of the upris-

"By this the corrupt satellite regime installed by colonialism is ment announced that it was abo- entombed forever, and emerges the bright national and pan-Arab

The announcement followed a visit to Iraq Tuesday by Colonel Baghdad Radio and by the Iraqi Alaa Hussein Ali, described by Iraq as Kuwait's new prime minister, armed forces commander-in-cliief, minister of defence and acting minister of the

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### **Banking employees** back Iraq's stand

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Banking, imperialists hope to steal the oil Insurance, and Accountancy Employees Association in Jordan and backward, depriving them of Tuesday sent a cable to Iraqi the means to achieve develop-President Saddam Hussein expressing the association's full backing of Iraq's stand in the current Gulf dispute and in the led by the United States.

The association members foilow with deep concern and alert- Iraqi and Kuwaiti people and ness the ongoing hostile earnpaigns against Iraq and are ready to fight the enemies of the Arab Nation and back the Iraqi people the nation," the statement said. in the face of an aggression led by the U.S-Israeli alliance," said the lsrael to stay away from Jordan

The association issued a statement in Amman condemning the United States-Israeli alliance as an imperialist power trying to intimidate Iraq, Kuwait and Jordan and paving the ground for a military aggression on the Arab

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The statement said that the conspiracies.

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"The Kuwait-Iraqi dispute is a strictly Arab affair and no foreigners should intervene in the face of the anti-Arab campaign dispute which can be settled by the Arabs alone," n said.

"Jordanian workers back the express their readiness to offer assistance to the leadi people in the fight against the enemies of

which will be protected by all Arab people who are keen on enhancing its defence against Zionist ambitions.

The statement urged the Arab countries confronting Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to hold a meeting in order to examine measures to be taken to thwart Israel's plots and

### Panel issues rules for safer environment

AMMAN (J.T.) - A ministerial manure and other types of ferticommittee charged with taking measures to ensure public health safety in the Jordan Valley region, set up last May, has issued a set of recommendations to the concerned authorities designed to eliminate the common flies which infest the valley and to deal with the natural manure and waste in a manner that can ensure a safer

environment. The committee, which comcipal and rural affairs and the environment, agriculture, as well as the University of Jordan and the Greater Amman Municipality, has been specifically entrusted to study the general conditions in the valley and try to ter treatment plants in Salt and deal with the common flies and other insects

A statement issued here Tuesday said that the committee members have come up with recommendations and also issued a set they would not attract flies and of guidelines to the farmers and the local citizens to ensure a safer

atmosphere.
The committee urged farmers to keep the manure dry until it is and healthy. She herself paid the soil, to transport fertilisers in frequented by vacationers, spewell covered vehicles and to fol- cially during the winter season.

lisers should take place between seven in the morning and seven in the evening so that teams of inspectors grouping representatives of the police and the Ministry of Agriculture can see to it that the rules are respected.

It said that violators of the laws would be fined JD 50 for each time they commit a violation.

The committee also suggested the formation of sub-committees prises representatives of the to supervise poultry farms and ministries of water, health, munissianghter houses, to ensure they abide by public safety regula-

It also urged the Water Authority to provide sufficient trucks to cart away the waste which can be treated at wastewa-Kufrunich.

The committee urged the farmers to follow sound methods of fermenting the fertilisers so that

Her Majesty Queen Noor had spearheaded efforts early in 1988 to keep the Jordan Valley clean used, to mix the mamure well in several visits to the area which is

low instructions and guidelines The Queen had set up a special issued by the Ministry of Agricul- committee instructed to introture on the application of fertil- duce measures to improve health conditions in the valley and to The committee said that trans- create public areas with good portation and marketing of facilities to attract tourists.

#### HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Upper House refers NMI law to committee

AMMAN (Petra) - The Upper House of Parliament Tuesday held a session under the chairmanship of the House Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi and in the presence of Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh and several ministers. The House approved referring a draft law on the annulment of the National Medical Institution (NMI) to its legal and social development and education committees and to label it as an urgent issue. Lawzi decided to call these committees to meet Wednesday at 10 a.m. to discuss the draft law. The House also approved resolutions by the joint committee formed from the legal and education committees on an amendment to the Jordanian universities law for the year 1990 and an amendment to the higher education law for 1990.

#### Summer term final exams start

RAMTHA (Petra) - The summer semester's final exams at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) started Tuesday and will continue until August 12, director of the registration department at the university. Faisal Rifa'i, said. He said the final results would be announced by Aug. 18. According to Rifa'i 1,759 students will be sitting for their exams in the coming four days.

#### 1,247 drivers fined in six months

AMMAN (Petra) — Public Security Department (PSD) sources said Tuesday that 440 drivers were fined for traffic lights violations during the period from July 4 till August 3, 1990. The sources also said that, 1,247 drivers were fined during the first half of this year for blowing their cars' horns and disturbing peace; most of those fined were drivers of cars selling gas cylinders, according to the sources.

#### WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

- Open stadio and workshop for artist Samia Zaru displaying palatings, sculptures and hand-painted fabrics. Location: off 2nd Circle, opposite Rosenthal (9:30-1:30 and 3:30-6:30).
- Art exhibition by Ali Al Ghoni at the Royal Cultural Centre. Exhibition of paintings by 10 Iraqi artists at the Jordan Plastic Art Association Gallery.

#### SYMPOSIUM

\* Symposium on "The Independence of Jordanian Universities" at the Royal Cultural Centre - 6:30 p.m.



welcomed Jordan's guests and emphasised the need Jordan.

AMMAN (Petra) -- Their Majesties King Hussein to take care of children. One of the children and Queen Noor received Tuesday at Al Nadwa delivered a speech in which he expressed his Palace the Arab children taking part in the Arab appreciation and gratitude for Their Majesties for Children's Congress meetings which opened in their continuous care for the activities of the Arab Amman Tuesday. King Hussein and Queen Noor children and giving them the chance to meet in

### **Her Majesty Queen Noor** opens cerebral palsy centre

with cerebral palsy.

ZAROA (J.T.) -- Her Majesty inauguration ceremony that the cult labour that might deprive the new centre for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (CPF) in Zarqa to offer free services to cerebral pulsy children and orient parents on ways to help children avoid

The new centre offers therapeutical sessions and medical assessment of children who show signs of retardation, medical examinations and instructions to parents on how to treat cerebral palsy children, according to CPF President Fakhri Bilbeisi.

being in 1977, now operates centres in Zarqa, Irbid, Aqaba and Salt in addition to Amman. So far these centres have and road accidents.

This year, he added, the total number will amount to 750 cases. exceed one in every 1,000 deliver-According to the CPF president, cerebral pulsy is a condition that arises as a result of damage

Queen Noor Tuesday opened a foundation, which came into baby of the necessary amount of oxygen to sustain the brain cells, lack of proper care during the first months of life or household offered services to 4,400 children

In Jordan, he said, this condition occurs in 10 cases of delivery out of every 1,000. In the advanced nations the cases do not

The CPF centres offer free in the brain cells during their examinations for children before growth. Among its several causes defining the severity of the case He said in an address at the are: unhealthy pregnancy, diffi- and the appropriate treatment.

### Shreideh rules women's federation elections legal

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A new chapter in what has become known as the 'women and the minister saga" was opened Tuesday when Minister of Social Deyelopment Abdul Majid Shreideh ended a three-month period of silence on the conflict between his ministry and members of the General Federation of Jordanian Women (GFJW).

During a two-hour press conference Shreideh rejected accusations by members of the GFJW that the ministry had made decisions that were illegal or unfair, saying that the federation members were to blame for all irregularities.

"Our job in the ministry is to apply the GFJW charter as it is written; if those who wrote it don't like what is written we are not to blame," Shreideh told a group of reporters and representatives of the new national executive committee of the federation.

While former national executive committee members and other recently elected executive committee members of the eight municipal branches of the federation have led a national campaign to declare "null and void" interpretations made by the ministry, the minister maintained that the ministry "was only doing its

"We gave the women, who are now complaining, a 17-months extension of their legal term in office to clarify anything that was not clear," the minister said. "They could not come to a common interpretation of the article in question,



Abdul Majid Shreideh

namely article 12; they asked the ministry to deal with its interpretation and said they would abide by our decision, then they changed their mind." he continued.

The group of women who objected to the interpretation of the article that defines electoral divisions claim the interpretation of the ministry has disqualified most of the federation's members from the right to vote at the national election which took place last Friday.

The minister agreed that the clause does not allow for "equal representation" but "not because we, the ministry, want it to be that way but because that's the way the charter is written."

Asked if he, as the representative of the ministry, felt it was correct to apply the rules of a charter which he thought were unfair he said: "We are here only to make sure the rules are followed regardless of whether we believe them to be 'fair' or 'unfair'.' The minister reiterated that

the elections held last Friday were considered "legal and valid" by the ministry. Ministry appointed officials had declared that 63 out of 100 possible voters had participated in the elections while the rest held a loud demonstration on the election floor boycotting the voting procedure. The minister said that 68 had voted not 63.

One of the four legal cases now in court against the ministry, and the minister in particular, concerns the cancellation of 85 voters from the Irbid branch of the federation.

The minister maintained that the 85 voters were neither registered legally nor did they pay their dues.

The cancellation of the 85 votes from Irbid caused an uproar late last month and federation members charged that the ministry made the decision for political purposes. The federation members said that the ministry had favoured a politically oriented Islamist Bloc, calling itself the reform bloc. The women also charged that the balance had been 60 to 40 in favour of the Islamists and that the inclusion of the 85 voting members from Irbid

would have favoured the

"nationalist bloc." The minister strongly denied the accusation of having made a political rather than a legal decision and said the higher courts would have the final say in the conflict between the ministry and certain members

### PDP to reelect central committee, politbureau and secretary-general

By Basem Sakkijba Special to the Jordan Times

draws near for the birth of the national charter, political groups in Jordan have begun to prepare themselves to face the coming stage when they will come out into the open and become official narties.

The People's Democratic Party (PDP) which was formed a year ago, before any other political group had emerged, is now involved in the process of reorganising its internal affairs, preparing for the coming stage.

The PDP members have been solding constant meetings for the past five days at various levels and rumour has it that they will announce a surprising move on Friday.

PDP sources told Al Ra'i surface. Arabic daily that the meetings aim at reelecting a central com-

AMMAN (J.T.) — As the time party's secretary-general and his assistants.

At the last PDP election Tayseer Al Zabri was elected as secretary-general and Bassam believed to be connected with Haddadin, Salem Nahhas as assistants to Zabri.

PDP sources said that there was a general consensus among the party members that Salem Nahhas should be elected as secretary-general, with the other two serving as his assistants. Certain considerations said

they required that Nahhas be elected party secretary in the coming stage. But, according to the sources,

the meetings have not always ended with total agreement and certain divisions have begun to

meetings will result in a split, with a licence for the magazine from mittee, a politbureau and the Hani Hourani, who had differ Jordan.

leaving the party.

The divisions emerged in the

form of public statements and secret leaflets with charges and counter charges being launched by opposing groups.
PDP's internal differences are

those that characterise the current situation within the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) as Hourani is leaning towards a group led by the DFLP's Yasser Abed Rabbo.

According to the same sources, PDP members could decide on dismissing Hourani from the party, a move which could be followed by others leaving the party to form another political party in

The PDP is, according to informed sources, preparing to issue a weekly magazine under the title of Al Abali in the near The sources stressed that the future in Cyprus before securing

#### **Deputies voice support for King's** stand on Iraq-Kuwait dispute

ment voicing total support for His it added. Majesty King Hussein's stand with regard to the Iraq-Kuwait dispute and accusing the United States of trying to destroy Arab

"King Hussein's stand represents the aspirations of the Arab Nation and its real views vis-a-vis the Gulf crisis," the statement

"The real reason behind the brutal and hostile campaign on Iraq has emanated from the fact that Iraq has proved itself to be a living model of genuine Arab sought by all Arabs." said the

"The hostile powers are now and harness the drive to achieve progress and development," it

It emphasised that the Iraq-Kuwait dispute is an inter-Arab affair that can only be solved by the Arabs, with no right for any foreign power to intervene. The United States' current

drive to set nations of the world against Iraq is in line with Israel's policies and serves Israel's interests," said the statement.

bers of the Lower House of Par- complicate matters, and can only liament Tuesday issued a state- serve foreign powers' interests,'

> "Foreign countries are only interested in ensuring the flow of oil from Kuwait and they have been reassured of this by the Iraqi leadership which said that oil is an important element in maintaining human civilisation," the statement added.

It said that foreign powers should heed King Hussein's warning of not intervening in the Gulf affairs and should note that any military intervention can only lead to complications that can awakening and renaissance result in the burning of all oil fields.

"Should this come about, not a single country, including those seeking to destroy this Arab force regimes now facing American pressure to join in plans for aggression on Iraq, can escape the consequences," warned the

> It said that Iraq had already reassured the Gulf countries of its keenness to safeguard their national interests and therefore they should realise that they will be the first to suffer from any foreign military intervention.

"We call on the Saudi monarch and the Syrian president in par-"Any foreign intervention in ticular to join hands with King Hisham Sharari.

AMMAN - A group of 16 mem- Arab affairs will only further Hussein and launch a mediation effort that can ensure an end to the Iraq-Kuwait dispute in a manner acceptable to all parties so as to avert a world catastrophe," the statement appealed.

It said: "should the battle be imposed on the Arabs, they will have no alternative but to defend neded by all nations because it is themselves with all available

The group of deputies sent cables to King Hussein and President Saddam Hussein praising their national stands.

"Your loyal people will stand by you supporting your efforts and your leadership at all costs," the group said in their cable to

In the cable sent to the Iraqi leader, the group said that any foreign aggression on Iraq will only end with total failure and the Arab masses will back the Iraqi brothers in their fight to defend

the Arab soil. Deputies issuing the statement were: Thougan Hindawi, Jamal Khreisha, Abdullah Zureigat. Issa Reimouni, Marwan Hemoud, Saad Surur, Mohammad Tarawneh, Dr. Awni Bashir, Ziyad Shwei, Husni Shiyaab. Ahmad Innab, Nawwaf Khawaldeh, Jamal Haddad, Mohammad Dardour, Salim Zoubi and

### Queen Noor inaugurates the **10th Arab Children Congress**

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Higher Education Mohammad Queen Noor Al Hussein Tuesday Hamdan addressed the children cultural and socio-economic de- future. velopment and to allow them to share experiences.

The Queen presented gifts and certificates of merit to those who urban regions of the Kingdom, prepared the past congresses in providing kindergartens and basic recognition of their efforts and remarkable work.

Arab World are taking part in the week-long congress activities this year, co-sponsored in cooperation with the United Nations

Children's Fund (UNICEF).

inaugurated the tenth "Arab at the opening session, held at the Children's Congress" which is Royal Cultural Centre (RCC), organised by the Noor Al Huscalling on organisations catering sein Foundation (NHF) annually for the needs of children in the in a bid to orient children from Arab World to prepare them for various Arab states on Jordan's meeting the requirements of the "The Ministry of Education

gives due attention and concern to children in rural, badia and education with extracurricular activities," Hamdan said. A total of 138 children from the He referred to the world sum-

mit for children, which will be held in New York next month, as a step towards meeting the needs of children worldwide.

NHF Director-General Inaam Minister of Education and Al Mufti described the congress end of the programme.

as a precious opportunity for children from around the Arab World to work together to strengthen inter-Arab ties and preserve Arab culture and Arab herisage.

Later the participating children watched a documentary film featuring the previous congresses' activities and the students of the National Music Conservatory played several pieces.

The children's activities include tours of various places of interests, visits to Jordanian families, meetings with officials and

recreational programmes. The Arab Children's Congress idea came from Her Majesty Queen Noor who initiated it in 1980. The participants normally meet with the Queen towards the

### Unions, politicians blast U.S. stand vis-a-vis the Gulf crisis

unions and professions in Jordan against the social and progressive rights of other nations and the have appealed to the Arab mas-ses to join forces and unify their movements in order to attain your inhuman and unjust support ranks in order to confront the their expansionist aims. imperialist forces which, they said, were launching aggression Arab countries are lining up with

against the Arab Nation. ongoing American hostile actions directed against the Arab World, have been jubilant over Iraq's dealing with such a hostile attitude.

The meeting reviewed American economic, diplomatic, informational and military activities designed to impose a siege on Iraq and the Arab people.

"The United States is stricken with voracity and greed every time it feels that its colonial interests in the Arab region are exposed to danger and has therefore sought to subdue regimes and impose low oil prices with the purpose of safeguarding U.S. economic interests," the statement noted.

It said that "the United States loses its temper whenever it hears calls by Arab people to preserve Arab wealth for Arab masses and to employ Arab wealth for building up Árab economy, a move that can rid the Arab people of hunger and backwardness."

The United States has now moved fast to prevent any peaceful solution to the Iraq-Kuwait dispute because it seeks to create justifications to intervene in the area militarily," the statement stressed.

It said that America's history abounds with hostile and aggressive attitudes designed to impose Washington's will and to overthrow regimes which it considers threatening to America's in-

"Israel is in constant collusion with the United States to impose hegemony on the region in a bid to help subjugate the Palestinian people and end their intifada, and to strike against the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), "the statement said.

It said that Israel had coordinated its plots with the Zionist and

"It is regrettable that certain the U.S.-Israeli alliance against The appeal was issued at the Iraq instead of fighting in the end of a general meeting held in same trench against the unholy Amman Sunday to discuss the alliance," said the statement. The Arab masses everywhere

and means of confronting and strike against forces trying to sell out Arab interests and to serve foreign economies and keep the Arabs in total subjugation to imperialist forces. "The Arab masses, it said,

strongly condemn the acts of those who have been squandering Arab wealth to serve the imperialist Zionist objectives," the statement said. The statement called on all

masses to line up against the imperialist forces and urged Arab regimes to grant the Arab people further democracy and more freedom to move; it called on the government to enhance the democratisation process in Jor-

The statement urged all Arab and Islamic organisations to join forces in the face of the American imperialist aggression.

Meanwhile, the Jordan News

Agency, Petra, Tuesday reported that representatives of the public organisations in the Balqa region have sent a memorandum to President Bush protesting against America's hostile action towards Iraq and the hostile campaigns launched on this Arab country. The memorandum called on Bush to reconsider U.S. policies which, it said, constitute a grave danger to the freedom of all

The memorandum declared ican media, and American products exported to the Third World and demanded that Bush stop interfering in the internal affairs of Arab countries.

The memorandum referred to the negative American and Israeli practices that had serious consequences on the Arab region.

"Your belief that the whole liament in Jordan.

AMMAN (J.T.) - Representa- imperialist forces and their world is your own property has tives of various political groups, stooges in the region to strike led you, as usual, to ignoring the

> for Israel, the world's largest base for sabotage activities," the memorandum added. "We can never forget your interventions around the world to destroy the economies of other nations, like you did in Vietnam, your continuous encouragement of Israel to pursue aggression on the Arabs in Palestine, Syria.

Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia," said the memorandum. If you claim that the United States leads the free world, where was the United States when Israel occupied lands belonging to three Arab countries in 1967 and when its forces occupied Lebanon in 1982? asked the memorandum.

The memorandum reminded the president that people could endure the suffering and the hostile action for a time, but they are bound to revolt at the end, des-troying everything. "You and your advisers should resort to reason and realise that what is happening in the Arab arena concerns the Arabs alone and the Arabs are capable of resolving their disputes," said the memorandum.

"Your threats can never intimidate any Arab citizen and you should know that your stooges in the area had been realising the fate awaiting them," the memorandum said.

It said:"The hand to launch an

attack against Kuwait or Iraq will

be cut off, and the oil will be

burnt along with all your interests 'The Iraqi people will never be alone in the battlefield, and we will never allow your conspiracy

to succeed," it added. At the same time the representatives of public organisations Jordan's total boycott of Amer- and unions in Salt sent a cable of support Tuesday to the Iraqi President Saddam Hussein expressing total backing for his policies and condemning the hostile campaigns directed against Iraq by the United States, Israel and

the other imperialist powers. Copies of the cable were sent to the Arab League Secretary General and the speakers of Par-

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# Alternative to dialogue will be very costly

IN YESTERDAY'S maze of events it was not clear whether developments were taking a turn to the worse or that the region drew away a little from the spectre of war. In fact things went both ways. Among the more ominous news were reports which spoke of American troops being sent to Saudi Arabia and Western navies continuing their build-up in Gulf waters and Turkey closing the Iraqi oil pipeline. The positive news was that Baghdad would allow all foreigners in Kuwait and Iraq who wanted to leave to do so.

How ominous the negative news were is something that should be easy for the world to see and understand. It is the impact of the positive "development"; however, that is likely to escape the minds of some of us who live in the area.

To most Arabs, the reports that Iraq would allow foreigners to leave can hardly be "positive" news. It is not that any Arab would be happier to see foreigners stranded in the heat of the Gulf. It is rather that very few Arabs would have expected the Iraqis to hold foreigners hostage in the first place. Iraq is not exactly Iran, and only Americans haunted by the scenes of U.S. diplomats held to ransom in Tehran in 1980 would ever look at allowing foreigners to leave Iraq and Kuwait as a very positive development.

Those Americans have their own reasons to assess the step in this light, and some of us will doubtless agree with their reasoning.

One experienced American observer yesterday gave his own analysis of the steps needed to defuse tension between the U.S. and Iraq. After the foreigners are allowed to leave, he said, American public opinion would open up a little bit towards the Iraqi president. This first step might be followed by a move giving Saddam Hussein a forum, if he so wished, to address the American people directly. He would be afforded the opportunity to be understood by the West. And if he has good news to announce, it would be his chance to do so at this forum, the observer continued. Having broken through the public opinion barrier, President Bush would then feel in a much better position to address the Iraqi president directly and maybe even reach some sort of understanding with him. This scenario, the observer insists, is the best possible option that can surface to avert the break out of hostilities. D nobody's interest.

Whether or not this analysis is valid or not is open to conjecture. That something of the sort, leading to opening a dialogue between Washington and Baghdad, has to be done, however, is not in dispute any longer. Jordan, particularly His Majesty King Hussein, has expended enormous efforts during the past week to get the U.S. to understand Iraq's position and to open a channel of communications between Baghdad and Washington. The next step that others have to work hard at is to build on these efforts and achieve results. The alternative is endless war and massive destruction throughout the area. Those who can contribute to "positive" developments, whether Iraqi or American, should do so before the situation gets out of control totally.

#### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Arabic daily newspapers maintained discussion of the situation in the Gulf and discussed prospects for war and peace in that region. Al Ra'i daily warned in its editorial that the United States was aiming to cause splits among Arab ranks by probagating false alarms that Iraq is about to invade Saudi Arabia. But the paper said the Iraqi and Saudi people realise the American aims and objectives and are countied and the brotherly ties between them. President Saddam Hussein has sent a message to President Bush, expressing his country's desire to live in peace with all nations including the United States and voicing Iraq's determination to maintain strong Iraq-Kuwaiti ties, the paper noted. It said that the Iraqi leader wanted to thwart American plots and conspiracies which are designed to pave the way for an aggression of Iraq.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily says that the United States has raised by 16 cents each litre of petrol sold to its citizens in a bid to rally public support for its on going campaign against Iraq. The U.S. administration has also whipped up a hostile campaign against the Iraqi president threatening to assassinate him, all because he is trying to regain Iraqi rights, says Tareq Masarweh. The writer says amid the hysterical campaigns being waged by the West against the Arabs, the United States has decided to freeze Iraqi assets; and in retaliation, the Iraqis have no alternative but to seize the American and British citizens in Kuwait since their lives are not more worthy than the Arab livelihoods. The writer also praises the stand of Fidel Castro of Cuba and other leaders who have refused to kiss the hands of the American imperialists who had invaded Panama and other nations and escaped sanctions and who have been supporting the Israelis in their aggressions and their occupation of Arab land. He criticises the Arab states which have opted to stand by the United States, repeating the American threats to the Iraqis, noting that the American hysterical campaign has been centered on American oil interests and not about the Kuwaiti people and the fate of the Arabs should a war start in the Gulf region. The writer warns of the consequences of American adventures and pays tribute to all those nations that support the rights of the Arab people.

Al Dustour daily commented on King Hussein's warnings to the Western nation against tampering with the explosive situation in the Gulf region. The United States and its allies are pursuing their hostile campaign against the Arabs, instead of giving diplomacy and dialogue a chance to solve the issue, said the paper. Washington, said the paper, is sending its fleets to the Gulf waters and trying its hand with economic sanctions in a bid to force the Arabs to give in and succumb to imperialist dictates. This campaign reminds the Arabs of those campaigns launched on the eve of the crusades in the middle ages, when certain Western powers tried to set some Arab countries against others in order to achieve their ambitious designs.

# God bless America

By Khaled Mahadeen

WE duly appreciate America's keenness to preserve peace and justice everywhere...except in Palestine, and to establish right and security everywhere...except in Palestine and to uphold international principles and legitimate charters everywhere...except in Palestine...

We do appreciate Washington raising its voice, expressing condemnations and issuing threats ... simply because its record is clear of any sign that it had carried out invasions of other countries or it had ever sent its warships, warplanes and tanks to any place in the world or it overthrew any regime or sought to do that in any part of the world. American history does not include any acts of invasions, or wars, aggressions or occupations, and it is a record void of any operations that entailed murders, assassinations, corruption of political, moral and economic life anywhere in the world.

For this reason, any action which does not please the United States or that not of its own doing or does not serve its own interests can only provoke Washington which sees in any nationalist move as an act of terrorism and considers economic assistance presented by one country to another refusing to remain under hegemony as an infringement on its own interests. Washington considers any military aid from one country to another without its knowledge and approval as a form of invasion...

We duly appreciate all this and more than this, as long as it is coming to us from Washington. But what we do not accept or appreciate is to see President Bush taking over the business of issuing good conduct certificates and declaring openly and confidently that Saddam Hussein was a liar, that the Iraqis are liars and outlaws or pariabs...

We do not accept that Bush be allowed to say that, without declaring that all Americans are honest people who tell the truth and abide by laws; and therefore they are idolised and so much loved by millions of Arab masses which are now sitting back awaiting the American salvation army which has moved from all directions of the globe by land, air and sea towards this area.

We had expected to see the task of cursing Iraq and the Iraqi people and their president and also cursing the Jordanians and their King to be confined to the American media. But it seems that there had been a mistake, and that the message had by accident reached the Oval Office at the White House instead of going to the press or television stations.

The president has thus assumed that it was his duty to start cursing Iraq and the Iraqi people and their president, and so he did. We should indeed consider this as a technical fault because this is the first time that an American president, a minister or ambassador utter such words of shame.

This technical error is justified in view of the great horror which has hit the enemy camp and hostile powers who regard any Arab attempt to enable the Arabs to regain their own wealth, that has been stolen by others, as enemies. These hostile forces consider the good Arabs who try to fight in defence of themselves as enemies, and they honour those who spend 24 hours-a-day enjoying food and drink, and rush to offer service to the foreign master...

I should say that no nation in the world possesses a more formidable war machine than the United States...but we are also powerful, because we are a nation whose citizens hold the means for life and for construction. Perhaps those shortsighted enemies are tempted to enter the jungle... But they should realise that it is an adventure like that which the United States encountered in Vietnam, which the Soviet Union faced in Afghanistan and which Great Britain had to face in Yemen and France in Algeria...

At that time, the enemies of liberation movements considered the invaded territories as being inhabited by liars, outlaws and pariahs. But at the end it turned out that these repressed and invaded nations were honest and abiding by the international law and the focus of admiration of all people ... except of course those

who wrote the black pages of history...

We fight in order to defend our lives, but others fight to defend themselves from dying. We realise that we will save our souls at a high price, and we know that death is awaiting those who do not wish to leave that great pages and not his accurate themselves.

high price, and we know that death is awaiting those who do not wish to learn that great peoples and not big powers deserve the award...

Economic Forum

By Dr. Abdalia Malki

# American foreign policies and settling old scores

Irrespective of how one evaluates the entry of Iraqi forces into Kuwait, the outflow of oil from the area has not been disrupted. To the contrary, the financial stringency in Iraq makes the continued and smooth flow of oil in the interest of Iraq before all parties. The sheer burden of Iraq's external debt and that of postwar reconstruction task makes the undisrupted flow of oil a necessity for Iraq for a very long time to come. Mr. Bush claimed he would not tolerate seeing 20 per cent of oil produced or stored in the Middle East come under the control of President Saddam, Well! If Bush really believes in market forces and he is not after settling old scores, let the forces of demand and supply be the judge when any party, be it Iraq or not, tries to manipulate the market. Assume that the conceived control will push the price of oil to \$50. Either this price is fair and therefore must be accepted or is not warranted by economic criteria in which case market forces will correct it. However, it is the intervention of foreign powers, such as Mr. Bush's USA, that most probably will lead to this disruption at an unpredictable

The threats of American military intervention will surely disrupt oil production and exportation in the area. And it is strange that Mr. Bush wants the world to boycott Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil. If it were Iraq which initiated a ban on the flow of Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil to the world, as Mr. Bush's sanctions are aimed at, this would be a satisfactory reason for Mr. Bush's administration to consider this ban as a threat to American (and Western) interests, and probably national security as well, and to justify the engineering of consequen-tial military action.

And it is not the violation of the Knwaiti sovereignty and territorial integrity which bothers Mr. Bush. Nor is it the restoration of the old government. For the purpose of illustration, assume that this government is restored and that, in the context of exercising its sovereignty and furthering Kuwait's national security and interests, it finds it is necessary to impose an embargo on oil exports to, say, USA. Mr. Bush in this case will instruct CIA to topple the government that he insists now, and under the threat of military intervention, that it be restored. Puzzling still is the fact that

underplay the impact of military intervention and boycott of Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil on the world economy. There is no guarantee that Saudi production will be increased as to make up for the loss of Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil. (However, Saudi Arabia in this case will be violating OPEC decisions). The outbreak of hostilities in the area and local domestic reactions invited by the conceived military intervention, in one of the forms outlined by certain congressmen, will disrupt oil production and exports. Long before things are brought back to normal, the world economy will have suffered in a very bad way and will not be brought back to normal except after a full business cycle, if it ever will. The drop in the prices of stocks round the globe registered early this week is a very early warning of the nature of things to come. It is utterly impossible to assume that Mr. Bush and his advisers are blind to this fact. One can only attribute Mr. Bush's reaction, or over-reaction, to an overriding motive or burning desire to settle old scores. The longterm and staying effects of military intervention on world

mediate danger from Saddam's

million-man army or 700 com-

bat planes. Israel's army,

500,000 when mobilised, and

its well-trained 635-plane air-

force would probably be more

But Israel fears that any

strike against Iraq would

prompt a retaliatory strike with

its growing arsenal of missiles.

Missiles developed by Iraq

in the later stages of its 1980-88

Guif war with Iran could easily

the likelihood that they would

be used against cities, as hap-

pened in the Gulf war, rather

Saddam boasted last April of

possessing advanced chemical

weapons and threatened to

destroy half of Israel if it

attacked an Arab state. The

danger was taken seriously

enough to prompt orders to

Their inaccuracy increases

than a match.

target Israel.

economy, mainly in terms of inflation and singgish growth, do not seem to be built in the present position of USA policy in the Middle East and in its attitude towards the Kuwati crisis.

And when we talk about the world economy in this content, we do not mean only the economies of advanced countries but also those of East European and Third World countries which will have, among other things, to foot huge import bills that cripple them for years and years to come.

Settling old scores means two things: Guaranteeing perpetual Western domination on easy and inexpensive Arab oil and uprooting any phenomena that herald Arab revival.

Because of oil, the Arab World suffered so many colonial and imperial evils to the extent that Arab oil did become a heavy Pan-Arab hability. It must therefore be treated as a pan-Arab asset as well. This is the equilibrium formula in the Middle Easi. And there are two sides to this equation. Ignoring it or changing one of them inevitably leads, sooner or later, to disequilibrium like the one witnessed now in this area.

# Israel will not help U.S. this time—analysts

By Jack Redden Reuter

scale and duration.

TEL AVIV — Israel, despite its strong military alliance with the United States, would find it difficult and dangerous to join

a U.S. strike against Iraq.
"Frankly, I don't see how it
could take part beyond some
sort of intelligence function,"
said Joseph Alpher of Israel's
Jaffee Centre for Strategic Stra-

Israel has sought to improve recently-strained political relations with Washington by saying their close military links make the Jewish state "a strategic asset."

The crisis over Iraq's invasion of Kuwait has shown the limitations of those ties.

The problems fall into two categories: Those for the United States if Israel were openly involved and those for the Jewish state if it entered an unpredictable war with the most heavily armed Arab country.

U.S. efforts to secure Arab action against President Saddam Hussein could founder on open use of Israeli military power against a fellow-Arab state. Israel has been largely silent about contacts with Washington since Saddam invaded Kuwait.

Even if the United States

should seek Israeli military participation, analysts see formidable dangers and logistical problems for the Jewish state. "There is no easy solution,

like knocking out a single nuclear plant and setting the iraqis 10 or 15 years back," Alpher told Renters.

Israeli bombers flew undetected across the desert in 1981 to destroy a nuclear reactor under construction outside Baghdad, abruptly postponing Iraq's debut as a nuclear power. Iraq was then in no position to retaliate.

The situation has changed. Although Israel believes an Iraqi nuclear capability is still years off, its research facilities and the weapons available to retaliate for Israeli attacks are now deployed across the country and heavily protected.

Israel does not see an im-

distribute gas masks to Israeli
to civilians.

"Israel has to consider every
n- risk and every possibility of
things getting out of hand if it
choses to collaborate (with the

U.S.) in some way," said Daniel Leshen, a military expert at the Jaffee centre. Not only does Leshen worry

about Israel's ability to engage in sustained milifary activity far from its border, he fears it could be drawn in without seeking to aid the United States.

swhere the Iraqis might think: this Israel is collaborating on the operation and might look for a way to attack Israel," Leshen said.

Leshen, like many experts at the Jaffee Centre, is a veteran of military intelligence.

alliance with Washington, used so often in the past to seek U.S. support in political disputes, Israeli officials have concentrated on warning Iraq against attacking the Jewish state.

"In such a precarious situation things tend to develop in an unexpected way," said Leshen, "and that is exactly the kind of situation that is most dangerous for Israel."

#### **LETTERS**

# A disgrace to humanity

To the Editor:

Please allow me a little space to unite something about one important thing here which I think tarnishes our image as Muslims or Christians.

You may shed a tear or otherwise just read this price and relax. I am talking about maidservants from other Third World countries. There is no doubt that these maids tender very important services. However there are several disgusting things that my conscience does not permit me to hide.

A majority of these house-hands work under very appalling conditions. Many are poorly fed and the work load is just too great for them. Of course they are paid wages but we must bear in mind they are human as well. Therefore they are entitled to humane treatment. It is unbelievable that in some houses maids cannot go out of those premises, in this age where we claim civilisation is at its peak besides the democratic societies we claim to be building.

I have a concrete and clear evidence of girl who is nearly out of her mind as a result of the terrible conditions under which she works here in Amman. We spend a lot of money feeding dogs and cats, yet we cannot offer a decent and good treatment to our employees. It is a shame, a disgrace to humanity, Islam and Christianity. Any way these poor servants need us just as we need them, so we must face up to our responsibilities.

If we cannot afford them, then we should not engage their services on dubious contracts — contracts that we ourselves quite often violate.

I hope this will be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities and the human beings among us to check this indirect slavery. On the other hand if this falls on deaf ears, mind you the almighty is up these watching, we can run but we cannot hide.

Carl Wright

#### Mutt'n'Jeff



### **Andy Capp**







#### **Peanuts**









# U.N. imposes sweeping sanctions against Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (R) -Following is the text of a resolution adopted by the Security Conneil on Monday. It calls for sweeping economic sanctions and an arms embargo against Iraq and Iraqi-occupred Kurwait:

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The Security Council, Reaffirming its resolution

Deeply concerned that this resolution has not been implemented and that the aggression by Iraq against Kuwait continues with further loss of human life and material des-

Determined to bring the invasion and occupation of Kuwait by Iraq to an end and to restore the sovereignty, in-dependence and territorial integrity of Kuwait, Noting that the legitimate

government of Kuwait has expressed its readiness to comply with Resolution 660 (1990), Mindful of its responsibilities under the charter for the

maintenance of international peace and security. Affirming the inherent right of individual or collective selfdefence, in response to the armed attack by Iraq against Kuwait, in accordance with

article 51 of the charter, Acting under chapter VII of the charter of the United Na-

1. Determines that Iraq has failed to comply with operative paragraph 2 of Resolution 660 (1990) and has usurped the authority of the legitimate govcrament of Kuwait:

2. Decides, as a consequ-

(Continued from page 1)

at a time when the Arab Nation

is surrounded by real dangers,

appeals to Arab leaderships to

deal with this issue logically "in

accordance with the higher Arab

interest and with respect to the

will of nations and their legiti-

continued, the Senate:

Based on this, the statement

- "Appeals to all Arab states to

do their best to shoulder their

responsibilities and exert exery

possible effort at all levels to

protect the Arab Order from

more cracks and carry out their

role in dealing with this problem

and the like in the framework of

threatens all the Arab future."

relies on any kind of foreign

protection or accepts foreign in-

tervention in Arab causes and

denounces any foreign interven-

tion in the affairs any Arab state

under any pretext or considera-

(Continued from page 1)

— "Rejects any Arab stand that sciously."

mate nights."

The statement said the Senate,

Senate denounces campaign

ence, to take the following mensures to secure compliance of Iraq with operative paragraph 2 and to restore the anthority of the legitimate goverament of Kuwait;

3. Decides that all states

shall orevent: A. The import into their territories of all commodities and products originating in Iraq or Kuwait exported there-

from after the date of this

resolution:

B. Any activities by their nationals or in their territories which would promote or are calculated to promote the export or transshipment of any commodities or products from trag or Kuwait, and any dealings by their nationals or their flag vessels or in their territories in any commodities or products originating in Iraq or Kuwait and exported therefrom after the date of this resolution, including in particular any transfer of funds to Iraq or Kuwait for the purpose

of such activities or dealings; C. The sale or supply by their nationals or from their territories or using their flag vessels of any commodities or products, including weapons or any other military equipment, whether or not originating in their territories but not including supplies intended strictly for medical purposes, and, in humanitarian circumstznces, foodstuffs, to any person or body in Iraq or Kuwait or to any person or body for the purposes of any business carried on in or operated from

Iraq or Kuwait, and any activi-

U.S. and its allies and rejects all

forms of internvention and milit-

ary aggression against Iraq,

Kuwait and the Arab interests in

all countries because of the real

dangers represented in in these

-- "Warns Arab states which are

policies against our nation.

a. To examine the reports

ties by their nationals or in their territories which promote or are calculated to promote such sale, or supply or use of secretary general: such commodities or products;

4. Decides that all states shall not make available to the government of Iraq or to any commercial, industrial or pubhe utility undertaking in Iraq or Kuwait, any funds or any other financial or economic resources and shall prevent their nationals and any persons within their territories from removing from their territories or otherwise making available

to that government or to any such undertaking any such funds or resources and from remitting any other funds to persons or bodies within Iraq or Kuwait, except payments exclusively for strictly medical or humanitarian purposes, and, in humanitarian circumst-

ances, foodstuffs; 5. Calls upon all states, including states non-members of the United Nations to act strictly in accordance with the provision of this resolution notwithstanding any contract entered into or license granted

6. Decides to establish, in accordance with rule 28 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, a committee of the Security Council consisting of all the members of the council, to undertake the following tasks and to report on its work to the council with its observations and recommendations:

before the date of this resolu-

on the progress of the implementation of this resolution which will be submitted by the

b. To seek from all states further information regarding the action taken by them concerning the effective implementation of the provisions

laid down in this resolution; 7. Calls upon all states to cooperate fully with the committee in the fulfilment of its task, including supplying such information as may be sought by the committee in pursuance of this resolution: 8. Requests the secretary

general to provide all necessary assistance to the committee and to make the necessary arrangements in the secretariat for the purpose;

9. Decides that notwithstanding paragraphs 4 through 8, nothing in this resolution shall prohibit assistance to the legitimate government of Kuwait, and calls upon all states:

a. To take appropriate measures to protect assets of the legitimate government of Kuwait and its agencies, and; b. Not to recognise any regime set up by the occupying

10. Requests the secretary general to report to the council on the progress of the implementation of this resolution, the first report to be submitted within 30 days;

11. Decides to keep this item on its agenda and to continue its efforts to put an early end to the invasion by

#### vear when the Exxon Valdez ran aground in Prince William sound. But with the instability in the

biggest oil field.

Middle East and with America dependent on foreign imports for more than 50 per cent of its oil, the 1.5 million acres (625,000 hectares) at the northern edge of the wildlife refuge is being considered as a new source of oil inside the United States.

higher and placed the potential of long, 1970s-style lines at gas stations before the American public. Oil sources outside the Gulf are at a premium and one of the largest of these sources is in

The spill, the largest in U.S. history, brought into question the future of Alaska oil development after more than 1,600 kilometres of Alaskan beach was fouled last

dustry to conserve energy. They also loosened fiscal policy in an effort to spend their way out of the recession. As a result, "the economy rec-

prices could fuel inflation and slow economic growth in But lessons learned in the 1970s are likely to belp Tokyo hit in 1979 and 1980, oil prices avoid some of the worst effects

Japan's economy can

nomists say. In 1973 and 1974, after the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries moved to restrict oil exports, world crude-oil prices more than quadrupled.

When that oil shock hit. Japanese inflation soared to 25 per cent a year, gross national product declined for the first time since World War II, and Japan's balance of payments slid into the red as the bill for imported oil soared.

Middle East turmoil on Japan.

Trade and Industry Kabun

Muto said after the embargo

was announced that higher oil

of earlier oil crises, the eco-

Minister of International

Tokyo policy-makers responded, many analysts say too slowly, by tightening monetary policy, keeping

Oil companies and the U.S.

Interior Department say the coas-

tal plan, wedged between the

that could rival those to the West

Prudhoe Bay supplies 15 per

cent of America's domestically

produced oil; that and other

Alaska north slope fields provide

a quarter of the domestic supply.

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overed very, very quickly and within 18 months was growing at four per cent," Jones said. When the second oil crisis

nearly doubled, Japan tightened monetary policy more quickly than it did during the first crisis, and did not repeat the loose government spending that caused Tokyo's budget deficit to balloon the first time around.

Inflation peaked at about eight per cent and Japan's economy suffered two years of relatively slow growth before recovering.

Economists say the current oil shock is likely to be less severe and Japan's ability to cope greater than before.

Japan still relies on imported oil for 99 per cent of its supplies, but actually consumes less oil than it did in 1973

survive the oil crisis although the economy has more than doubled in size since then, said Salomon Brothers (ASIA) economist Robert

> "If prices stabilise at \$25 per barrel, that's a 33 per cent increase over last year's level," said Peter Morgan, economist at Barclays De Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan).

> "I don't think that \$25 is a crisis," he said. "It's not going to send shock waves through the economy."
> "These recessions don't last

very long because industry is very swift to respond," said Jesper Koll, economist at S.G. Warburg Securities (Japan).

Others say the Bank of Japan may hold off on raising its key interest rate until it sees exactly how higher oil prices hit the economy.

In any case, economists generally expect policy-makers to act calmly and confidently.

"Japan always knows its economy is vulnerable to external shocks," Koll said. "It's like

# Alaska's oil will be tapped

By Yereth Rosen Reuter

TOKYO - When the first oil

crisis hit Japan in 1973, panick-

ing consumers rushed to super-

markets to stockpile toilet pap-

er and other goods they feared

would soon be in short supply.

This time, the aisles are quiet and the shelves are full.

with two oil crises and other

external economic shocks

should help to keep its power-

ful economy on track despite

the threat posed by Iraq's

takeover of Kuwait, econom-

nomy needs an irritant to per-

form," said Russell Jones,

senior economist at UBS Phil-

lips and Drew International.

success out of adversity."

They always seem to pull

Adversity, some govern-ment officials warn, could be

around the corner. Tokyo's de-

cision to join Western nations

in banning imports of Iraqi and

Kuwaiti oil has increased con-

"It's almost as if this eco-

ists say.

Japan's experience of coping

KATAKTURUK RIVER, Alaska — A U.S. wildlife official says Iraq's invasion of Kuwait is being felt even in far-away Alaska, where huge deposits of untapped oil sit under the green tundra of the vast arctic national wildlife refuge.

The invasion sent oil prices

Referring to oil development in the 19-million acre (eight million hectare) wildlife refuge, Don Voros, the U.S. fish and wildlife service's acting manager here, said, "it's a matter of when, not

"We have to be sensitive towhat's happening in the Middle coverable oil reserves total 500 East," he told Reuters on "I think that could potentially

put a lot of pressure on to open the refuge up. It may dampen some of the repercussions of the Valdez oil spill."

separate the Brooks Range from the Arctic Ocean, Voros said. That compares to the 280 kilometres marshy band lying between mountain peaks and the

ocean at Prudhoe Bay, he said. The debate was left unresolved 10 years ago by the U.S. Congress when it passed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

The act, which created the refuge's current boundaries, provided the option for oil explora-Brooks Range and the Arctic tion and development in the coastal plain, subject to congressional Ocean at the very edge of the United States, holds oil reserves review.

In the wake of last year's oil at Prudhoe Bay, North America's spill the Congress halted efforts to approve the oil exploration.

But Voros said he expects Congress to eventually open up the refuge to both exploration and development and for the past two summers more and more interested politicians, as well as has said the coastal plain's re- environmentalists, have been arriving at the refuge for a tour, Opinions are rarely changed by

company officials have said the a visit, Voros said. field might equal Prudhoe Bay's "I think people come out here anticipated 11-billion-barrel with a preconceived notion and they see things that reinforce it." Environmentalists say the unhe said.

On a misty afternoon in the peaks and Arctic Ocean shores short arctic summer, when remwould be forever ruined and the nants of the winter's snow lie still unmelted on silty riverbanks, the ly damaged by oil development. coastal plain teemed with life and Only about 32 to 56 kilometres resembled the environmentalists'

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About 20 lumbering Muskoxen clustered at a bend of a winding river, while a grizzly bear sprinted along the bank of a nearby stream. Birds swooped over the spongy tundra where herds of Caribou roam.

Environmentalists look up across the rolling land to the mist-shrouded mountain peaks looming in the south and pronounce the sight spectacular, Voros said.

But a Chevron USA Inc. oil official found beauty on Saturday by looking down at an outcrop-ping of oil-specked sandstone.

"This is one of the most significant oil shows within this area," said Tom Cook, Chevron's Alaska Exploration chief, chipping off small pieces of the outcropping.

"It has very high permeability," he said. "It's extremely fine reservoir rock, and that's one of the things for a large accumulation of oil and gas."

Voros said U.S. fish and wildlife service studies show that proper management could protect the wildlife and allow oil development.

"You can have both of it here, both development and the ecosystem," he said, looking at the moist, green tundra that someday, because of events 24,000 kilometres away, may be dotted with the spires of oil rigs.

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national campaign lead by the of the Arab future."

- "Refuses the policy of economic siege and condemns the inter-

should be taken can be summa rised in the necessity of an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwaiti lands and in the quickest way possi-ble. The decision should then be left to Kuwaitis to decide their future on their own without pressure or intervention. Only then could all pending problems between Iraq and Kuwait be solved out of the spirit of higher Arab national interests and away from foreign forces' intervention which can-not see beyond their own in-

Zionist plans. The experiences of the world have proved that solving prob-lems with force only leads to more problems as Arab experiences have proved that the language of strength between brothers only lead to serving the interest of the enemies of

terests and which are only con-

cerned to intervene to serve

the Arabs. Therefore we call on Iraq to act quickly and withdraw its forces from the Kuwait lands and let Kuwaitis decide their future on their own.

that the Senate "sees these efforts

The national Kuwaiti forces, which suffered from the absence of democracy and from the constitutional void which Knwait has lived through since parliament was dissolved in 1986, the suspension of par-liamentary life as well as censorship of the press, now see that the most pressing cause at this time, the one that all well wishing forces in our country should adopt, is Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwaiti territories and saving our people from all the suffering they live in now as well as solving all the suspended problems between Kuwait and Irac in a manner which would be in agreement with the benefit of the two brotherly people and the higher

### national interests.

(Continued from page 1) Due to their wealth, the misority made "corrupt decisions" in alliance with the West, which Hussein said was worse than fall-

ing under foreign occupation. The Crossus of Kuwait and his aides became the obedient, humiliated, and treacherous dependents of that foreigner," he said, comparing the emir of Kuwait with the king (in Arabic Karun) from the 6th century B.C. whose name is by-word for

extravagant wealth. "What took place on Aug. 2 was inevitable, so that death might not prevail over life, so that those who were capable of ascending to the peak would not be brought down to the abysmal precipice, and so that corruption and remoteness from God would not spread to the majority as a emment.

Saddam Hussein result of need and poverty after the corrupt minority had dis-

> dent said. The speech indicated the president was unabashed despite a world trade ban on Iraq ordered by the U.N. Security Council on Monday.

tanced itself from God, values,

books and disciples," the presi-

Western navies are also building up their strength around the Gulf region to back demands that Iraqi troops withdraw immediately from Kuwait and allow the return of the ruling Al Sabah

The president earlier had talks in Baghdad with the new leader he has installed in Kuwait. Colonel Alaa Hussein Ali, and told him Iraq would fight any attempt to unseat the Iraqi-backed gov-

#### **Gulf tension** (Continued from page 1)

Wilson, Monday that he would attack Saudi Arabia if his pipeline through that country were cut off. Reports said the Post had misquoted Hussein Asked if Hussein intent on

members of the Organisation of permanent occupation of Kuwait, Petroleum Exporting Countries Fitzwater said: "He didn't give (OPEC) of falling into the trap of any indication otherwise." the aggressive siege against Iraq Concern over the fate of Amerand the Arabs and not allowing icans and other Westerners trapthe exporting and pumping of

ped in Baghdad appeared to ease more than their officially assigned The State Department - "Warns of the psychological announced that the 28 Americans war launched against the Arab picked up Monday by Iraqi Nation in all its countries by all troops in Kuwait had been loavailable means and calls on the cated at a Baghdad hotel along

American pressures that sponsibilities courageously and to there last week. deal with all these attempts con-Spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the Americans were The statement said the Senate not free to leave, but that those "evaluates dearly His Majesty King Hussein's efforts at all levels who had been seen by U.S. diplomats appeared to be in good to contain the crisis before it shape and should not be referred began and in addressing its to as hostages. effects." The statement added

American officials, speaking on condition they would not be identified, said the United States is discussing with Iraq a plan to allow some of the estimated 500 Americans in that country to leave by road through Jordan within a day or two.

Testimony was also taken Tuesday by three congressional committees on the swift recent rise in gasoline prices across America - as much as 19 cents a gallon in places. Oil traders said speculative re-

ports about the possibility of a Middle East war mainly influenced the energy markets, where with 11 others who were taken crude prices seesawed Tuesday afternoon after shooting above \$28 a barrel Monday, the highest level in five years.

Stock prices tumbled in Tokyo, rallied in London and seesawed in New York following Monday's

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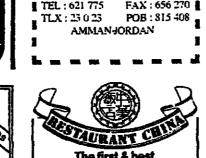
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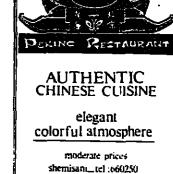
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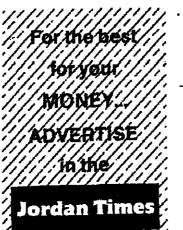
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### Goodwill Games face uncertain future

SEATTLE, Washington (R) -It's all over bar the accounting and though supporters say the Goodwill Games will live on, serious doubts remain about whether the spectacle can outlast its cold war roots.

The thawing of U.S.-Soviet relations has diluted the significance of the games, set up four years ago to bring together competitors from the two nationsafter the boycotts of the Olympics in 1980 in Moscow and 1984 in Los Angeles.

Critics say the games which ended Sunday, have no future in the new international climate and financial losses have also clouded the outlook for the event.

'Yes we did lose some money," admitted games creator Ted Turner. "The exact amount will not be announced until la-

The television entrepreneur has estimated that his company. Turner Broadcasting System. could lose more than the \$26 million deficit suffered in the inaugural Moscow games in 1986.

sports machine

humble finale

EAST BERLIN (R) - East Ger-

many's world-beating sports

muchine is heading for a strangely

humble finale as unification with

West Germany looms and the

Always guaranteed lavish

backing by a state that derived

much of its international prestige

from sporting prowess, East Ger-

man sport now faces complete

"It is quite clear that the

money we have is nowhere near

enough to keep sport going in the

form we have known," said

Bernd Stade, spokesman for the

once-powerful DTSB (German

Gymnastics and Sports Federa-

sport. 4.500 have already been

sacked and 3,000 more will lose

Just two of 592 athletics train-

ers will remain employed and all

350 swimming coaches will have

to go. Market forces take no

account of records - the trainers

and their predecessors helped win

East Germany's last domestic

athletics championships, on Au-

gust 17-19 in Dresden, will go

ahead. said Joachim Krebs, depu-

ty general secretary of the athle-

But he told Reuters it was only

because other events were scrap-

tics federation (DVFL).

money was diverted.

German athletics team.

swift unification with West Ger-

federations in both countries are

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (R)

- Nick Faldo, aiming to become

the first player for 37 years to win

three of golf's four majors in one

season, tees off in the U.S. PGA

championship at Shoal Creek

Thursday with two of the people

In the opening two rounds Bri-

ton Faldo, winner of the U.S.

Masters and British Open titles,

partners two Americans, defend-

ing PGA champion Payne Ste-

wart and Hale Irwin, the man

who ended his chances of the

Irwin finished a shot ahead of

Faldo in the U.S. Open in June

and went on to beat fellow-

American Mike Donald in a play-

off to become the oldest winner

at 45 and claim the title for a third

Stewart came closest to depriv-

ing Faldo of his second British

Open when he cut the deficit to

most likely to stop him.

grand slam.

gearing up to merge too.

27)." he said.

noted.

their jobs in August alone.

Of the 10,500 employees in

former communist country's eco-

nomic problems multiply.

financial collapse.

E. German

heading for

grow in stature and, at least some larly in athletics, and track times winning streak to 64. point in the future, should reach break-even." Turner added.

of the \$180 million cost of the 17-day, multi-sport event and while Turner himself wants the games to continue, his company's board of directors will have the final say on future financing.

Soviet sports officials say the 1994 games, planned for Moscow and Leningrad, could go on without Turner's support. But they would still need Western backers to put up the hard currency for athletes' travel expenses.

Seattle organisers said there was internatinoal support for fu-

"There is a tremendous amount of interest from around the world for countries and cities to host the 1998 Goodwill Games," said Bob Walsh, president of the local organising com-

about 2,300 athletes from 51 na-

ALBUOUEROUE, New Mexico

(AP) - Fourth-seeded Dinky

Van Rensburg, who had a tough

time winning her first-round

mutch at the Virginia Slims of

Albuquerque, hopes she gets

used to the high altitude before

Van Rensburg survived a

three-set contest Monday against

unseeded Peanut Louie Harper.

winning 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, in the

\$150.000 tournament at the Albu-

"I got tired," Van Rensburg

said after the match that featured

of oxygen. But once you pass

your first match under these con-

Fifth-seeded Brenda Schultz of

the Netherlands, whose serve has

been clocked at 113 miles (182

kilometres) an hour, won't have

to get used to the high altitude

ousted from the tournament

survived Schultz's powerful serve 7-5, 6-1.

ditions, you get used to it."

querque tennis complex.

her next match.

at Virginia Slims

Van Rensburg advances

were generally slow.

His company put up about half stars stayed away, unwilling to by failing to appear for the make the long trip because of low appearance fees or to interrupt Seattle to promote his autotheir training for the second half of the Grand Prix season and the European championships later world champion Svetlana Boginsthis month.

> ments, the games saw two world records and some big upsets by young competitors.

> American swimmer Mike Bar-200 metres breaststroke and km walk.

In the athletics meeting, Amer- diving. ican Leroy Burrell upstaged holder Carl Lewis in the men's 100 metres.

But Lewis, winner of six Olym-The Seattle games attracted pic titles, finally took his first with West Germany, third with Goodwill Games gold medal 11.

and won 6-4, 7-6 (7-3),

Monday night's match.

McGrath, a 19-year-old former

Stanford player who just turned

pro this summer, said there was

nothing she could do to prepare

for Schultz's serve. Some of them

nearly knocked her over during

said of Schultz's serve. "A couple

But McGrath played a solid

game when she could return the

ball, and it proved to be enough

who plays an aggressive serve-

and-volley game, is scheduled to

play her first-round match

Wednesday against Carrie Cun-

ningham. No. 2 seed Laura Gil-

demeister of Peru will also play

Sara Gomer of Great Britain

Smith overcame a sloppy first set

to win. Smith, ranked no. 26 in

Wednesday.

"I figured if she didn't ace me.

times I didn't even see it."

"That was a bomb," McGrath

"It's a reasonable downpay- tions but were hit by the absence when he outclassed an impressive ment towards an event that will of some top performers, particulong jump line-up to extend his

> Lewis later generated some ill-Many African and European will among the Goodwill crowd awards ceremony after leaving biography.

> In women's gymnastics, Soviet kaya, 17, was overshadowed by her team mate Natalia Kalinina, Despite those disappoint- 16, who won four gold medals.

Three-time Olympic swimming champion Janet Evans of the U.S. was upset in the women's 400 metres medley by her future rowman opened the competition college team mate Summer Sanby smashing his own record in the ders, two years her junior at 17.

The youngest sensation of Soviet Nadezhda Ryashkina set a them all was China's 11-year-old world mark in the women's 10- Fu Mingxia, who won the gold in the women's 10 metre-piatform

The Soviet Union won 66 of training partner and world record the 192 gold medals awarded and the United States took 60 with East Germany, in one of their last competitions before unification

## Canada in baseball

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) -Pitcher Kuo Lee Chien-Fu allowed only four hits and Huan Chung-Yi's two-run home run in the second inning led Taiwan to a 10-0 victory over Canada at the

In other action Monday, the United States defeated the Netherlands 10-4, Cuba blitzed South Korea 26-2 on the strength of six home runs, Japan beat Mexico 12-0 and Italy got by Nicaragua 8-7.

It was Canada's second straight

The second round begins next Each coach has his own philoso-

### experience in U.S. ALMAMICHIGAN — The P "We're here to do two things compare our players with

Jordanian basketball

players gain more

Alma College Basketball Camp has an international connection thanks to co-director John Weinert, former basketball coach at Bowling Green.

Weinert, who has been involved with the Alma camp for the past 22 years, visited Jordan for 33 days earlier this year through the Sports America programme to work with that comtry's Olympic team and promote understanding and unity through

Now, Weinert and Alma College are returning the favour by hosting two coaches and four players from Jordan.

The coaches, Fadi Sabbah and Imad Said, both Jordan national basketball team players, will take home a wealth of information from the world's leading basketball power.

Already the guest coaches have made great strides in the camp. and so have the players -Munther Muheisen, Shawkat Sati. Arafat Abu-Khalaf and Abdullah Shahin.

"We're halfway through the second week, and of the four kids, we've had two make the (30-player) all-star team and two have made the (16-member) 2-on-2 tournament team," Weinert

"I'm impressed that these kids can hack it. I've seen a lot of players, but I think these kids are the upper quarter.

"I've been impressed with the coaches," Weinert added. "The interest is there. (Jordan is) trying to develop teachers. They're lacking in fundamentals because they're lacking teachers to teach the game."

If Fadi and Imad have their way, those deficiencies will become a thing of the past. The two have intently studied the American game, and they're going to bring home videotapes as well as

"We're watching other coaches work with the kids, and we're learning new drills," Fadi said. "We're taking notes of drills we don't have in Jordan. One of the best things here is the speakers.

American players and learn how to run a camp. We want to run our own camp next year." Said Imad: "I'd like to be back

for more basketball clinics to learn more. Anything that helps, they (other coaches) are there to give it to us." Camp co-director Bill Klenk,

Alma College baseball and J.V. women's basketball coach, says Fadi and Imad aren't the only coaches benefiting from the "It's been good for us," Kienk

said. "We get a chance to get a little more respect for their nation and their people. "Fadi has fit in extremely well.

and he's sincerely interested in basketball. He's watching tapes, talking to the coaches, taking notes and attending all the meetings. And he's done a tremendous job watching the boys. He's very conscientious about making sure the boys are getting the most out of their trip to the U.S.'

Make no mistake -- basketball in Jordan is big, but soccer, the international pastime, still rules, and it probably always will. As Fadi says, "Everybody kicks a ball before they learn to dribble

And even when the players in Jordan do learn to dribble a basketball, they play the game strictly for fun, realising a profes-sional career is but a dream.

"Basketball is not a full-time hobby in Jordan," Imad said. "There is no pro-basketball. Everybody has to work (a regular

Nevertheless, basketball in Jordan has a flavour all its own. Since there is a shortage of tall players, teams rely on quickness and an up-tempo game.

Fadi cites two major differences between basketball in the two countries - physical style of play and team play. U.S. basketball is often more selfish, he says, and the lack of teamwork has cost the Americans in international competition.

- Morning Sun.

# Taiwan beats

World Baseball Championship.

The game was called after seven innings under a 10-run mercy rule.

loss at the 12-country tournament and the Canadians, whose Forte is supposed to be hitting, have found themselves confounded in Monday's loss and Sunday in a 2-1 loss to Puerto Rico.

### 22) You are too anxious to add some up to date gadgets or THE BETTER HALF, PIZZA PIZZA

#### East Germany more medals for athletics and swimming than Phelps, Gavaldon win athletics and swimming than at Great American Bank

long points played from baseline

I'd win the point," McGrath said.
to baseline. "I think I had a lack

No. 1 seeded Jana Novotna.

and dry air in Albuquerque. She In other first-round action was the only seeded player Monday, third-seeded Anne

Unseeded Meredith McGrath .the world, beat Marianne Werdel

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Angelica opening round of the Great games. American Bank Tennis classic.

ped to save cash and sponsorship Earlier Monday, Terry Phelps "We want to have proper rebounded from a first-set loss to championships in Dresden and oust seventh-seeded Gretchen send a big team to split (for the Magers 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Phelps, cap-European championships in italising on errors by Magers, won Yugoslavia starting on Aug. the last three games in eliminating the world's 24th-ranked play-"This is not to blow our trumer from the \$225,000 women's pets but to give athletes and

trainers a chance to prove them-In other matches with seeded selves and make a fresh start," he players, no. 4 Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Bulgaria struggled to It will be the last international beat first-year pro Alysia May appearance for a separate East 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) and no. 6 Barbara Paulus breezed past Monique East Germany is heading for Javer 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1-ranked Steffi Graf and many, by the end of the year at no. 2 Martina Navratilova are the very latest and possibly by slated to play their first matches September or October. Sports Wednesday when the opening round continues in the 32-player

player since American Ben

Hogan in 1953 to win three major

titles in one year — and one

leading British bookmaker makes

feat - he will need to beware

Stewart, who is third in the

world rankings behind Australian

Greg Norman and Faldo and

second in the U.S. money win-

ners' list, will be determined to

win his second major and not let

another American title go overseas.

remodelled, is intent on proving

himself the best player in the

world and dominating the ma-

this year in defending the U.S.

Open by five shots.

his career after having his swing British Open.

herits titles rather than wins them drawals.

For the swimmers the final Gavaidon, 16, had problems curtain is now. Without fanfare, a with her backhand and Porwik's trimmed-down, 17-strong East serve as she fell behind 1-4 in the German team have departed for first set, but she lost just three Rome for the European Open points over the next four games to surge ahead.

Stewart.

Faldo seeks third major of the year

In the second set, Gavaldon Gavaldon fought back from early had more of the same problems deficits in both sets for a 7-5, 6-4 and trailed 2-4 before taking upset victory over Claudia Por- charge again with strong placewik of West Germany in the ment shots to win the last four

> She double-faulted on her initial match point and then survived two break points before prevailing over Porwik, ranked 30th in the world.

> "I was nervous in the beginning, trying to get in the match," said Gavaldon, ranked no. 64.
> "My coach said that might happen. I started to play better once relaxed."

> The victory avenged Gavaldon's two-set loss to Porwik in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open earlier this year. Gavaldon turned pro after that

> After Phelps lost the opening set of her match, she doublefaulted twice on game point in the opening game of the second set. She finaly won that game after 16 points were played.

> "I was so frustrated (about the double faults), but it made me so determined," said Phelps, who is ranked 97th in the world. "I told myself, 'I can't lose this game

Open at St. Andrew's last month.

tremendous contest after the first

two rounds, but Norman's game

recovered mentally to mount a

serious challenge at Shoal Creek.

won consecutive U.S. opens in

1988 and 1989, has struggled to

make an impression this year.

was within two shots after three

rounds before slumping to finish

six behind and last month he

Whoever wins, this PGA

championship is likely to be re-

membered more for the racial

controversy over Shoal Creek's

Planned protests were cancel-

week to admit a black business-

American Curtis Strange, who

Seeking a hat-trick of opens, he

The pair were locked in a

If Faldo is to become the first battle with Norman in the British

him 4-1 favourite to achieve the collapsed and he may not have

Faldo, playing the finest golf of failed to make the cut at the

He has said he believes winning all-white members' policy which

the grand slam is possible and has sparked off threats of picketing

destroyed suggestions that he in- and television sponsorship with-

Masters and winning the British led when the club agreed last

He also won a psychological man as an honorary member.

### NFL carves niche outside U.S.

Five years after taking a tentative step into an untapped and far-away market, the United States' version of professional football has become an established part of the sports scene overseas.

The New Orleans Saints took a 17-10 exhibition victory over the Los Angeles Raiders Sunday at England's National Soccer Stadium in the fifth edition of the American bowl, now a spotlighted fixture of the opening of the National Football League (NFL) preseason.

Also last weekend, the Seattle Seahawks played the Denver Broncos in the Tokyo dome, the second year for that game. This week the NFL roadshow goes to Berlin for the first time, as the Los Angeles Rams meet the Kansas City Chiefs in the stadium where the 1936 Olympics were held. With another preseason game in Montreal, it's the NFL's biggest effort yet outside the United States.

Tickets for the European and Asian games are hard to get. Merchandise with NFL team logos and colours can be spotted from the Ginza to parliament square.

And helped by sophisticated marketing techniques, a disaffection among fans with traditional sports and a love affair with U.S. pop culture around the world, the U.S. interloper is more confident than ever that it can carve a permanent niche in the lands where soccer is king.

"There's no question that professional football someday will be global," said Al Davis, the Raiders' owner. "We know it's in the distant future but we hope it's in the foreseeable future that a development team will be over here."

In the words of former longtime Washington Redskins coach George Allen, the future is now — or at least just seven months

The World League of American Football (WLAF), a minor league of the NFL, is scheduled to begin its first season with four European teams next spring. Packing a fat U.S. television

contract and access to the game's

top rosters, the WLAF says Europe is ready for football full-"Millions of people here understand the game now," said Billy Hicks, the league's European coordinator.

LONDON (AP) - More games. have a hard-core audience of and cable networks also gives ho get excited about football."

> Hicks worked for the NFL's Dallas Cowboys when they came to London for the first American bowl in 1986. "The questions being asked by

the media then were, 'what's a linebacker'?" he recalled. "Now, they ask, 'why isn't (Saints quarterback Bobby) Hebert in camo'?' Jim Mora, the Saints' coach,

came here with the Philadelphia stars of the old U.S. football league for a 1984 exhibition game at Wembley. He noticed a big difference in attitude, too. "People have been exposed to

the game. They identify with the heroes, the stars," Mora said. They see the games on TV and read about it in the newspapers. Most of the top newspapers

have a weekly pro football column. Channel 4, an independent network in Britain, shows one game live and one on tape delay each week during the season, and has promoted the sport heavily since the mid-1980s.

Deregulation of TV around the continent plus the start of satellite

pubs and other places where fans gather and talk sports.

"The traditional, governmentrun networks may still have sole rights to soccer, rugby and the other big events, but with satellite and cable TV there is plenty of chance for us to get air time as well," Hicks said.

A recent survey by the British film institute of the country's television Habits found 26 per cent of viewers 15-24 years old said they enjoyed watching football, almost identical, to the 28 per cent who said they liked to watch soccer on TV.

That younger, potentially highspending part of the population is the target for the NFL and its spinoffs, and it's being helped by a spurt of popularity for the U.S. lifestyle.

"People in Europe wear Levi's, eat hamburgers at McDonald's and drink Coca-Cola," Hicks said. "They realise their culture won't collapse if they do something American. "Really, we are a part of the entire American spectacle. Our's is a different

#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

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Unlike humankind, all finesses are not created equal. Some are safe to take: others are not, as declarer learned to his cost.

North-South's range for a twono-trump opening was 21-22, so South deemed the hand a whisker short for that action. But when North was able to scrape up a raise South wasted no time in bidding game—and going down.

Declarer won the spade lead and. without giving the hand much thought, ran the queen of clubs. East took the king and reverted to a spade. Declarer held up one round, won the spade continuation, cashed out the clubs and then tried the diamond finesse. West scored the king and two more spade tricks for down With more prudent planning de-

clarer should make the contract even with both finesses offside. The key to the hand is keeping West off lead once the spades are established. Since declarer can afford to lose a trick to East at the key moment declarer should start by holding up on the first spade then winning the continuation. Next, declarer should play the ace

and another diamond from hand. West wins and can force out the last. spade stopper, but declarer is in control. South takes the club finesse and doesn't much care whether it wins or loses. If it loses, either East won't have a spade to return or, if he does, the suit will break 4-4. In all, declarer wins three tricks in each minor, two spades and the ace of

#### HOROSCOPE

JORDAN TIMES, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Canoll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Bring your ideas and reasonings to the attention of others but don't expect to settle any business matters until after the new moon and solar eclipse the evening of the

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) This is the day for you to consider what good and unusual friends can do to help you attain your goals but let them know in a pacific manner.

twenty-first.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You want to make your mark in the world of outside activity today and it is best done by bringing your unique to attention of bigwigs on a muted note.

GEMINL: (May 21 to June 21) You are being pressured, without or within, to be off on some new and different interest but being over-hasty can bring undesirable results. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Your present inclination is to take a contentious view a promise made but if you do so you find you are in wrong, trouble ensues. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You have a worldly matter that has you

all steamed up but the concern it

causes is overstated by you so calm

down and show your best smile in-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September

methods into your daily routines but make sure they are truly efficient before using such.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You want to have a good time at all cost and if you yield to such an impulse it can do just that so

seek pleasures that are mexpensive

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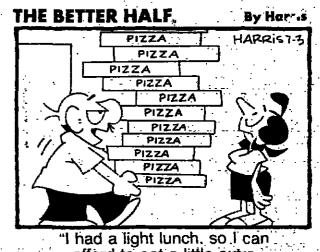
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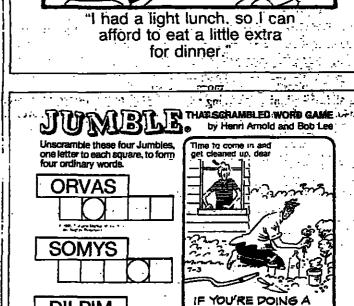
SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Be careful not to drive to rapidly or carelessly on the highway and use care in motion as well as refrain from critical com-

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You are tempted to spend far more than you can afford either in fixing some property or in expenditure for some investment that appeals to you.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have all sorts of original and unusual ideas but they are a little two soon so wait a more propitions monustrative you util-

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You want the worst way to get out from under a restriction but need to use far more restraint than you desire at the moment but do so





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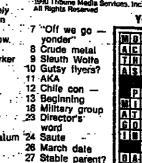
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# THE Daily Crossword by Hank Hearington

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### Tokyo share losses mount for fifth day

TORYO (R) - Investors' worries about the Middle East crisis sent Tokyo shares to their tenth largest drop in history Tuesday, the fifth consecutive day of los-

The key Nikkei average ended down 946.46 points, or 3.31 per cent, to 27,653.07 after losing more than 1,300 points earlier.
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Morizumi, associate strategist at Shearson Lehman Hutton Asia Inc. "Have we stopped falling

The market looks like the Kuwaiti army," said Kenneth Courtis, strategist at D.B. Group in Tokyo. "It's got tank tracks all

The benchmark index dipped to a new traded low for the year of 27,240.94 before buyers more than halved the earlier losses. Iraq's takeover of Kuwait bas

rocked Japan's financial markets with fears of inflation and tighter credit. Yen bond yields have soared, the 119th 10-year govern-ment bond reaching 8.090.

"It's shocking to see the yield on Japanese yen bonds reach that of a U.S. bond," said Brad Bauer, manager of Japanese equity sales for Barclays de Zoete

Investors who dumped shares 17 Asia were also motivated by news of the 93-point dive in the Dow Jones industrial index Monday night.

"Technically speaking the mar-

ket has hit bottom already," said a trader at a Japanese house. "But Wall Street may continue to decline again tomorrow, and no one knows what will happen in the Middle East, so investors are

afraid to take new positions," he

The Australian stockmarket almost retracted its way back into positive territory after sharp losses in the morning. The All Ordinaries ended 0.7 points weaker at

In Singapore, share prices ended the morning broadly weaker but also off early lows on selective

bargain hunting, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index of 30-Singapore blue chips fell 55.52 points to end the morning at 1,359.50, after plunging to 1,346.76 in the first-half hour.

In Hong Kong, an about-turn in sentiment brought buyers back into the local bourse which closed only slightly lower after a day of hectictrading, brokers said

### Australia may find Iraq sanctions costly

CANBERRA (R) - Trade sanctions against Iraq could cost Australia hundreds of millions of dollars in lost sales, and much more if Iran defaults on payments due for past wheat purchases. Australia's total exports to Iraq and Kuwait were worth 388 million dollars (\$306 million) last year. Major exports were live sleep and

Exporters must now try to find alternative markets following Australia's decision to obey United Nations sanctions hanning trade

with trace and Kowait. Australian exporters are owed 613 million dollars (\$484 million) for wheat sales already made to Iraq on credit, with 197 million (\$156 million) payable in the next 12 months, Primary Industries and Energy Minister John Kerin said.

He said Australia had guaranteed 490 million (\$387 million) of the total, but added: "We naturally assume Iraq will honour its debts." Kerin said Iraq had always settled payments on time, even during

### Frozen Kuwaiti assets in Japan total \$30b

will affect between \$8.6 and \$30 and garment factories. billion, virtually all of it Kuwaiti, finance industry and government sources said Tuesday.

The Japan-Kuwait Friendship Society estimates Kuwaiti government investments in Japan at \$8.6 billion, while foreign ministry officials put the figure much higher, at \$20 billion to \$30 billion. Iraqi assets in Japan are negligible, finance industry officials

Complicating the financial picute, Iraq owes Japanese firms about 640 billion ven (\$4.27 bilof this results from Japanese crude oil

TOKYO (R) - Japan's move to loans in the 1970s and 1980s to freeze Kuwant and Iraqi assets build power and fertiliser plants

Of major Japanese trading houses, Mitsubishi Corp, Marubeni Corp and Sumitomo Corp together are exposed to 00 to 70 per cent of Iraq's debt to Japan, trade sources said.

Mitsubishi, Marubeni, Sumitomo. Mitsui and Co and others handle about 25 per cent of Japan's oil imports and coordinate all Middle East orders for Japanese plant and equipment.

Iraq has been repaying some of its debts to private companies. tion), industry sources say. Most including those from Japan, in

### White House questions petrol price increases

WASHINGTON (R) - The sive oil is refined and starts Bush administration is examining a rash of U.S. retail petrol price increases and will prosecute any firms that take unfair advantage of instability in the Gulf to boost prices, officials said Monday.

"We will look closely for any indication that these increases may be the result of anticompetitive activity," U.S. Assistant Attorney General James Rill said in a statement.

He said any violations would be met with "vigorous antitrust

Retail petrol prices have risen the tiny oil-producing Guli emirate of Kuwait on Thursday, tracking an increase in crude oil costs. The price hikes have come one was trying to take advantage even though there is a weeks-long of the situation," he added at a lag between the time more expen- regular briefing for reporters. I rising jet fuel costs.

French franc	124.8	125.5
Ispanese yen (for 100)	437.3	439.9
Dutch guilder	371.2	373.4
Swedish crown	113.7	114.4
Italian lira (for 100)	57.2	57.5
Belgian franc (for 10)	203.2	204.2

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**AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES** 

Tuesday, August 7, 1990 Central Bank official rates

**LONDON EXCHANGE RATES** 

LONDON (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

1.1485/90

1.5765/70

1.7750/60

1.3275/85

32.39/44

5.2800/50

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150,00/10

5.7975/8025

6.1150/1200

RAINBOW

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One ounce of gold 384.25/75

Performances: 3:30,6:30,8:30 p.m.

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appearing at petrol stations. Retail petrol prices have risen as much as 15 cents a gallon since

The sudden increases brought criticism from the White House Monday. Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said: "There have been some increases in the spot price of crude oil but it is not clear that all the orice increases that have been reported at the consumer level are necessary.

Declaring that there was no cause for concern about an oil shortage at the moment, Fitzwasharply since Iraq's takeover of ter said: "We would urge oil companies not to be anticipatory.

"It would be most unfortunate if there was any gouging or any-

increase in the number of over-

seas Chinese visitors to their

mother country has led to the

almost complete recovery of Chi-

na's tourist industry from the

effects of last year's military

He Guangwei, vice chairman of the National Tourism Admi-

nistration said at a news confer-

ence that there had been a 2.6 per

cent increase to 13.23 million in

the number of people who visited

China in the first six months of

That compared to the roughly

12.9 million visitors during the

first half of 1989, when Beijing

was in the throes of a pro-

democracy movement from mid-

April to June that kept many

He did not say how this year's

figures compared with the same

period in 1988. The total for that

After China initiated its liber-

alisation and modernisation poli-

cies in 1978, the number of tour-

ists grew by an average of 23 per

That growth halted abruptly

last spring with the pro-demoracy

movement and subsequent army

crackdown that left bundreds,

perhaps thousands of civilians

China tried desperately to lure

dead in Beijing's streets.

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BEIJING (AP) - A dramatic tourists back last year, slashing

### Analysts see more losers than winners from oil

NEW YORK (AP) - Houston real estate dealers and the Soviet Union are potential gainers, but nearly everyone elsestands to lose economically if the Iraqi takeover of Kuwait leads to a long spell of high oil prices, analysts say.

The oil price increases are both recessionary and inflationary and there are many more losers than winners," Allen Sinai, an economist with Boston Co. and Economic Advisers Inc., said in an interview.

"If the price increase sticks, it will lead to a major transfer of wealth from non-oil producing countries to oil countries," he noted.

He and other economists and industry analysts listed a long string of losers if the Middle East crisis leads to sustained oil price increases: The auto industry. housing, nearly all consumerrelated industries, and entertainment and travel firms.

But higher prices might benefit others, analysis say: "Investors in gold and other precious metals, domestic oil companies and oil drilling companies, and the economies of oil-rich states like Texas and Louisiana

Added Sinai: "The Soviet Union, with its oil and gold teserves. is a potential winner."

Analysts stressed that the impact depends on whether the oil price increase proves to be a monetary or a long-term fact of

John Chadderdon, editor of Offshore Data Services, a Houston-based publisher of information on drilling for oil and gas, said if oil prices rise well above \$20 a barrel and stay there. that might spur exploration in the Gulf of Mexico.

He speculated that what's good for domestic oil companies might be good, in the long run, for local real estate in oil-producing regions of the country.

George McCauley, an oil analyst for the National Utility Service Inc., a consulting firm, said motorists already feeling the effects at the gas pump will continue to be losers, along with air Pan American World Airways

and Northwest have announced ticket price increases to offset | capitals of the 15 Soviet republics China's tourist industry

plane fares and notel room rates

- even bringing 400 foreign travel agents on a junket to Beij-

As a result, the number of

tourists on organised tours so far

nearly 90 per cent of the same

period in 1988, he said.

this year - 1.9 million - is

But the tourism industry's re-

covery seems mainly due to a

surge in the number of ethnic

Of this year's tourists, 95 per

cent, or 12.5 million, were ethnic

"compatriots" from Hong Kong,

The number of Taiwanese

tourists jumped 48.5 per cent

from the same period last year,

while overseas Chinese tourists

increased by 53.9 per cent, he

of 1990 brought in \$750 million

for China, way down from the

\$970 million for the same period

The administration is hoping

the 11th Asian Games, to be held

in Beijing in September, will

generate more tourist income for

China. It has set a goal of raising

\$2 billion to \$2.2 billion for the

year, according to Liu Yi, chair-

last year, he said.

man of the tourism.

Tourism in the first six months

Chinese from other countries or

Macao and Taiwan, he said.

Chinese visiting the mainland.

#### by around \$10 an ounce since nations may extend their asset-Iraq moved into Kuwait last Thursday but bullion market price hikes analysts and dealers say the increase is disappointing at a time of high international tension. Oil prices have soared, world stock markets fallen and the dolade on Iraq. lar slipped, but gold has edged up cautiously, underlining how its

appeal as a "safe haven" investment has fuded.

"With oil prices racing ahead, gold should be in the 400s (dollar per ounce) by now," said Michael Spriggs, head of precious metal research at Warburg Securities in At the Tuesday morning Lon-

don fixing, a benchmark for world prices, gold was set at \$383.95 an ounce. By early afternoon in Europe it was being quoted at around \$386.

"Gold's performance over the last few days has certainly been very disappointing," said Gra-ham Birch, precious metals analyst at Australian stockbrokers Ord-Minnett.

Analysts said large gold sales earlier this year by Middle East investors and the threat of big Soviet sales to raise much needed hard currency, have put the lid on any sparkling performance from the precious metal.

strong investor demand for gold would appear with world interest rates generally high and now likely to edge even higher in some

nations to counter the inflationary effects of rising oil prices. Others have suggested some

rise dismays traders LONDON (R) - Gold has risen Middle East investors as Western freezing measures in reaction to

Cautious gold price

Iraq's takeover of Kuwait. Analysts and bullion dealers are now awaiting any Iraqi reaction to Monday's vote by the United Nations Security Council to impose a total economic block-

They said the tension in the Middle East showed signs of persisting to give a background of support for gold buying, but the current price rise was hardly the reaction that the gold market came to expect a decade ago.

When in late 1979 the U.S. embassy hostage crisis in Iran began and Soviet troops entered Afghanistan, and the worst industry recession for 50 years gripped Western nations, gold bullion wasted little time in reaching its record all-time high of around \$850 in January 1980.

Analysts said that despite the current crisis in the Middle East, an absence of big gold buy orders from the region had held the market back from a large leap upwards.

They said investors had become wary of buying gold when stock markets fall. In the minicrash of October 1989 many operators sold gold to cover losses on equities and the gold price slip-Some analysts doubted that ped lower.

Good investor and jewellery industry buying would be needed for gold to progress above \$400, the analysts said.

Although the jewellery industry's demand for gold remains strong, analysts doubted whether large European bullion banks physical trading of the metal may be reluctant to deal with would rise sharply enough

# Oil prices go up to around \$29 a barrel

LONDON (R) - Crude oil prices surged even higher Tues- Korea and Taiwan. day following the United Nations' imposition of severe trade sanc-

tions on Iraq. London futures prices for the world benchmark crude Brent blend, from Britain's North Sea, rose as high as \$28.65 a barrel, up nearly \$2 from Monday's London close of \$26.78. It was the highest since November 1985.

Traders said the markets were so volatile that future direction was impossible to predict. "There's just no reference

point," one said. In the Far East, trading in West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark grade, fell just short of \$30 a barrel.

Prices rose initially as a string of countries individually pledged to back the U.N. trade embargo. A key statement came from Turkey, through which Iraq exports half its oil via a pipeline, saying it would support U.N. sanctions.

Iraq had earlier announced it was sharply reducing the flow through this route "for marketing reasons.

But as countries reliant on oil from Iraq and Kuwait scrambled for alternative supplies, there was no immediate evidence of any other producers attempting to make up the shortfall.

Trade sources in the Far East said regional producers like Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia and China had little spare capacity to

And leading Gulf OPEC ministers have called on the organisation not to exploit the situation by increasing output beyond their agreement in Geneva last month to hold production to just less than 22.5 million barrels per day

Two main non-Gulf producers in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Nigeria and Venezuela, have also pledged not to turn up the taps, at least for the time being.

In London, a spokesman for the International Chamber of Shipping said it was inevitable that countries supporting the sanctions would ban merchant ships from Iraqi and Kuwaiti wa-

There is some market speculation that Iraq might try to circumvent the embargo by trading crude to overseas refineries where it could be converted into oil products.

Unlike crude oils, which have specific, easily identifiable characteristics, the origin of products such as gasoline or heating oil is virtually impossible to determine.

Product prices in Europe followed the surge in crude with premium gasoline grades up \$20-\$25 a tonne. Oil companies in Britain have already raised pump prices by up to 10.5 pence (20 cents) per gallon and warned of

**Brazilian** 

fuel prices

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)

-Brazil has raised fuel prices 8.5

per cent to compensate for its

soaring inflation and an expected

rise in oil prices following Iraq's

The pump price of gasoline

rose from 38 new cruzados a litre

(\$2.02 a gallon) to 40.04 new

cruzados (\$2.13 a gallon). The

retail price of diesel fuel.

kerosene, and cooking gas also

Pure alcohol fuel went from 28

new cruzados a litre (\$1.49 a

takeover of Kuwait.

rise **8.5**%

### Soviet Union to introduce currency exchanges Jan. 1

Union announced Tuesday it would introduce currency exchanges from Jan. 1 next year at which the ailing rouble would be bought and sold against other currencies at market rates.

The announcement, carried by the official TASS news agency, said the decision had been taken by the Soviet government Aug. 4 as part of preparations for the introduction of a market eco-, appeared to be a cautious first

and major cities "for deals in foreign currency to be concluded at market exchange rates."

The agency said Gosbank, the strongly government-influenced state bank, would control interbank and all other operations at

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (AP) -

McDonnell Douglas Corp. has

said it will cut up to 11 per cent of

the workforce or 17,000 jobs by

yearend under a plan by the

troubled aerospace giant to re-

duce costs by more than \$700

"We tried to do everything

else," John McDonnell, chair-

man and chief executive officer,

told a news conference. "But in

the final analysis we had to come

The cuts have been expected

for several weeks, since the com-

pany announced plans for signifi-

cant layoffs in an effort to cut

expenses and bolster its sagging

McDonnell Douglas has been

struggling financially due to cut-

backs in the defence industry and

costly development problems in

both military and commercial air-

The news release said 4,500

jobs in St. Louis would be lost. In

California alone, about 9,000 jobs will be lost, including about 8,000 at the Douglas Aircraft Co. commercial airplane facility in

In addition, 800 people will be laid off at a helicopter operation

in Mesa, Arizona, and another

1,000 jobs will be eliminated in

Long Beach, California.

financial performance.

craft projects.

since the 1920s.

Gosbank, the finance ministry, the state bank for foreign economic relations :Vneshekonombank) and republican ministries "will take measures to support the rouble's rate against foreign currencies," TASS added, citing the statement. The unexpected measure

step towards convertibility of the Under the decision, TASS rouble, an aim even economists said, a central exchange would be closely associated with the govopened in Moscow and others in ernment have said is unlikely to be achieved before the mid-1990s at the carliest.

The rouble at present has two officially approved rates - an official one of 0.58 against the dollar and a tourist rate of 5.8 to the dollar. But on the black marthen new exchanges - which will ket, Soviet business publications from foreign banks."

company said. When attrition

and job elimination are included,

the company said, up to 17,000

million during its first quarter,

down 38 per cent from a year

earlier. The drop stemmed main-

ly from huge losses at Douglas

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gest defence contractor, also

faces an uncertain future in the

defence business as the Pentagon

Committee has recently approved

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to cut 11% of workforce

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet be the first in the Soviet Union say, the dollar sells for up to 25 It has been widely assumed by

foreign and Soviet specialists that the rouble could not be freely traded on world markets without devastating effects on the already crumbling economy before radical economic reforms took effect. The government decision, as

quoted by TASS, did not make clear exactly how far the rouble would be exposed.

It is being rapidly replaced in domestic trade by barter and

even the dollar amid widespread shortages of many goods.

To support the rouble, TASS said, Gosbank and the other bodies controlling the new exchanges" will use currency resources of the Soviet government and the governments of union republics as well as funds drawn

tion bill that would slash the

Pentagon's proposed budget

further and cloud the future of

several major aircraft program-

The company faces serious cost

problems on three military prog-

rammes, the C-17 cargo plane.

the A-12 advanced tactical air-

craft and the T-45 Goshawk train-

#### n) to 30.05 new cruzados (\$1.60 a gallon). The government subsidises

alcohol to make it 25 per cent cheaper than gasoline, although it cost twice as much as gasoline to produce. Approximately onethird of Brazil's 13.5 million vehicles run on alcohol made from domestically grown sugar cane.

The fuel increase is the eighth since January. However, it is the first since President Fernando Collor De Mello decreed drastic economic reforms on Mar. 16 to halt the country's soaring inflation, which was running up to 5,000 per cent annually.

The government adjusts fuel prices for inflation, which rose 10.79 per cent in July, the highest since March. It raised prices 17 times last year, when inflation

was 1.765 per cent. But the announcement was seen as a reflexive action to Irag's invasion of Kuwait Thursday.

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### ANC ends armed struggle

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) - The African National Congress said Tuesday it had suspended all armed action against the white minority government. opening the way to negotiations on the end of apartheid.

"In the interest of moving as speedily as possible towards a negotiated peaceful political settlement, and in the context of the agreements reached, the ANC announced it was now suspending all armed actions with immediate effect," said a joint statement released by the ANC and the government after 16 hours of

"The way is now open to proceed towards negotiations on a new constitution," said the state-

It was issued at a press conference by a weary, but smiling President F.W. de Klerk, and ANC Deputy President Nelson Mandela. They talked from 9 a.m. (0700 GMT) Monday until just before 1 a.m. Tuesday (2300 GMT Monday), with breaks for lunch and dinner.

Mandela said the decision to end the ANC's 29 years of guerrilla activity was made before his five-man delegation arrived for the talks with de Klerk and memhers of his cabinet.

Previously, the ANC had demanded that the government free hundreds of prisoners convicted of politically motivated crimes, grant indemnity to some 20,000 exiles, remove laws that restrict political activity, and end the state of emergency in Natal pro-

But Mandela said last week that suspension of the armed struggle would be considered if it appeared the government was moving towards meeting the con-

ditions for formal negotiations. The joint statement says the government will consider repealing some security laws and lifting the police emergency powers in Natal Province. It also says both sides will draw up plans for release of ANC-connected prisoners and the return of exiles.

today forms an important turning point," de Klerk said.

Asked what the government had conceded, de Klerk said his administration would try to ensure that the police deal with all problems in what he called "an even-handed manner."

In a bit of friction at the news conference. Mandela interjected that the government had so far failed to bring the police under control.

"It's a totally unsatisfactory situation, and until the government tames the police, we will be dissatisfied," Mandela said.

Mandela had said last week that the ANC leadership was having trouble getting messages to its guerrillas after operating as an underground, outlawed organisation for 30 years. He said he had asked de Klerk to understand that a complete cessation of guerrilla activity would take some

Mandela said Tuesday that, as far as the ANC leadership is concerned, there will no longer be any infiltration of men and arms across the border from countries where the ANC has

We hope that we will be able to communicate with our people and inform them of what we have decided." he said.

The joint statement said the government would review, and consider repealing, laws underwhich scores of ANC activists. including a member of the national executive committee, have been detained by police during the past few weeks.

Police have said they are investigating an alleged plot by Communist members of the ANC to revolt and sieze power if negotiations fail. Although the ANC's guerrilla wing. Spear of the Nation, has made no major attacks in the past year, ANC officials acknowledged that guerrillas continued to infiltrate the country, stockpile weapons, and plan



Nelson Mandela

related activity by the ANC and its military wing. Mkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), will take place," said the joint state-

Mandela had previously resisted pressure from the govern-ment and many Western countries to formally end the armed struggle of the guerrilla wing which he helped found in 1961. The ANC's first acts of sabotage, against power stations and electricity pylons, occurred a year after the government banned the ANC and several other black organisations.

Mandela said during his 1964 trial for sabotage and plotting the overthrow of the government that one reason for forming the guerrilla wing was to coordinate militant action, and keep innocent people from getting hurt or

During Mandela's last years in prison, the ANC guerrilla wing conducted an urban bombing campaign which killed 37 people and injured 680 from July 1986 through August 1989.

The joint statement said the two sides had also expressed serious concern about the general level of violence in Natal province, where 5,000 people have died in the five years of fighting between ANC affiliates and suptacks.
"No further armed action and Inkatha party.

porters of the rival Zulu-based Inkatha party.

### Eastern Sri Lanka under curfew

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka put its eastern Trincomalee district under curfew after more than 200 Muslims were killed in attacks by Tamil rebels in the past four days, military sources said Tuesday.

The government promised protection to the Muslim community and rushed security forces reinforcements to Muslim villages in

"I won't allow any more Muslims to be killed," Deputy Defence Minister Ranjan Wijeratne told parliament on Tuesday.

A military official said an indefinite curfew was imposed on Monday night in Trincomalee to "defuse mounting tension between Muslims and Tamils," the two minority communities on the

He said police and troops were nished to Trincomalee where Tamils, Muslims and Sinhalese are found in almost equal num-

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil

The Tigers, in a statement

don, denied responsibility for the Wijeratne said the Tigers were

trying to promote clashes between Tamils and Muslims in other parts of the country. Police said a group of Muslims

attacked the shops of two Tamil car dealers in Colombo on Tuesday, damaging some cars. On Monday some Muslims

tried to march on a Hindu temple in Colombo where Tamils worship. Two people were injured before police dispersed the

Muslim leaders appealed to the government on Tuesday to protect their people from the rebels and also asked for arms.

"I appeal to the government... to provide immediately arms to the east before August 20.

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prehensive document opening the

way for a radicalisation of reform

and the stabilisation of the eco-

Over the past stormy months,

Gorbachev has steered a course

between the radicals and the still

strong conservative wing of the

Last month's party congress. was marked by fierce attacks on

the more reformist members of

Gorbachev's team but the Krem-

lin chief counter-attacked, sig-

nailing he was ready to lead the

country to more radical economic

Yeltsin and several like-

Eelam (LTTE) separatist group the Muslim community to look has been blamed by the govern- after their security." the Sri ment, the opposition and Muslim Lanka Muslim Congress leader leaders for the massacre of Mus- M.H.M. Ashroff said in parlia-

He said 538 Muslims had been issued from their office in Lon- killed by the Tigers in the eastern province since June 11 when the rebels launched their latest offensive against the security

> At least 40 farmers were killed at Pannairuppukurdy and 18 in Akkaraipattu town in the past

two days.
On Friday suspected Tigers burst into two mosques in adjoining Batticaloa district and sprayed bullets on Muslims at prayer, killing 150 and injuring

"The LTTE is gradually converting the Muslim mosques virtually into mortuaries," Ashroff

main power centre.

The pact with Yeltsin, who

once described Gorbachev as

He said the Tigers, in handbills pasted on dead bodies, had told Muslims to leave the north and

# Pakistan under martial laws

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — 20-month-old government, rockruption, has been replaced by a caretaker government armed and backed by an army ready to step in.

Exercising his constitutional power, President Ghulam Ishaq Khan abruptly dismissed Ms. Bhutto's government Monday and dissolved the National Assembly, the law-making lower house of parliament.

"Corruption and nepotism in the federal government has reached such proportions" that the people lost faith in their rulers, the president said in a statement.

Ishaq Khan set new elections for Oct. 24 and declared a state of emergency, saying the national security was "threatened by external aggression and by internal disturbances." The president did not elabo-

rate, but his statement implied he was referring to border tensions with neighbouring India and relentless ethnic violence in the southern Sind province, Ms. Bhutto's home and power base.

Emergency rule, valid for up to power. four months, allows the president and the caretaker government to suspend individual rights and civilian courts and to make laws. Jatoi was sworn in as acting prime strictly dealt with."

The president's action caught Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's Ms. Bhutto, her cabinet and members of her Pakistan People's ed by allegations of rampant cor- Party off guard. Opposition politicians and dissident members of Ms. Bhutto's party had been with sweeping emergency powers saying privately for weeks the dismissal was imminent.

Ms. Bhutto, 37, called Ishaq Khan's charges a "slander campaign" against her democratically elected government but said she did not believe the president had betrayed her.

'Other forces wanted me out," a subdued Ms. Bhutto — the first woman to head a modern Muslim nation - told a news conference. Many diplomats and political

analysts said they believed the president had the blessings of the Pakistan army, which has ruled the country for 25 years of its 43-year history. As Ishaq Khan spoke to repor-

state-run television network and the telephone and telegraph exchange. Soldiers armed with automatic weapons were deployed throughout the capital. Pakistan's most powerful soldier, Army Chief of Staff Gen.

ters, the army took control of the

Mirza Aslam Beg, said the military had no intention of seizing "We are not going to get involved in politics," Beg said be-fore opposition leader Mustafa

minister. Most of those attending the ceremony were members of the military high command. Later, Ishaq Khan issued a seemingly veiled warning to Ms. Bhutto and her party.

"Undemocratic protests over this constitutional and democratic step will not be tolerated," he said in a nationwide television address. "If someone acts irresponsibly and in order to escape public accountability tries to misguide the people, he shall be

citizens stranded in Liberia.

Nigerian troops were said to

form the core of a possible task

force for Liberia on the agenda of

Monday's West African summit.

general of the Organisation of

African Unity, said Monday that

the leaders have agreed in princi-

ple to intervene militarily and

Leaders at the Gambia-based

summit were considering sending

in troops by land from neighbour-

ing Sierra Leone and Guinea as

well as sending a naval force to

impose a cease-fire and install an

interim government, said sources

speaking on condition of anony-

The interim government would

Nigeria, the most powerful na-

tion in the region, already has

three ships off the coast of Sierra

Leone, including one armed with

Guerrilla leader Charles Taylor

protested the proposed African

intervention on Monday, accord-

ing to civilians in Liberia, the

British Broadcasting Corp. re-

Johnson, who has demanded

missiles and heavy guns.

organise elections.

were discussing logistics.

Salim Ahmed Salim, secretary-

Ms. Bhutto urged party members and supporters to remain peaceful and not do anything that would give the army a reason to take over. She said she planned to run in the elections.

Educated at Harvard and Oxford Ms. Bhutto inherited the political mantle of her father, the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. He was ousted by Gen. Mohammad Zia Ul Hag in a 1977

coup and hanged two years later. Zia himself was killed, in a mysterious plane crash on Aug. 17, 1988. His death led to the first democratic elections after more than a decade of military rule.

When Ms. Bhutto, who led her party to victory, took office in December 1988, she pledged to restore democracy and her family

But many diplomats and political analysts say Ms. Bhutto never made the transition from the scrappy fighter of political oppression to the prime minister Pakistan.

Her popular support, rated at 54 per cent when she took office, was steadily eroded by mounting accusations of corruption against senior cabinet ministers and members of her family, including husband Asif Zardari. None of the allegations was proved, but a poll released last month showed Ms. Bhutto's popularity had tum-

#### Still at it

MOSCOW (R) - KGB security police arrested a scientist at a Moscow research institute as he tried to pass top-secret defence information to a foreigner, TASS news agency reported. A KGB statement issued by the official said the scientist, who was not named, was charged with treason. It did not say what area of research was involved nor when the arrest was made. Senior KGB officials have dismissed calls from liberals in the Soviet media for a rundown of its operations. The agency, still possibly the most powerful security service in the world, insists the danger from Western espionage is still strong

#### Repentent returns

MADRID (R) - A member of the Cuban national ballet who had sought asylum in Spain re-turned to Havana Monday after changing his mind about defecting, officials said. Alfredo Rodriguez, lighting designer for the troupe, asked for refuge last week along with the prima ballerina Dagmar Moradillo after performing in Majorca. Cuban diplomats said reports that the two were married were untrue. The couple had said they planned to settle in Miami and Moradillo complained that the economy and political situation on the Communist-ruled Caribbean island made life there unbearable. Rodriguez changed his mind and went to the Cuban embassy in Madrid where he stayed the night before leaving for Havana on a Monday-morning flight, the sources said. A Cuban exile group in Madrid, the Cuban Centre, alleged Rodriguez was kid-napped by agents of Cuban Presi-dent Fidel Castro when he went out to buy a newspaper last Sunday. The diplomats said he went to the embassy voluntarily. They said Moradillo was going ahead with asylum procedures.

#### New blood

AUBAGNE, France (R) - The lifting of the "iron curtain" has led to a surge of East Europeans joining the French foreign legion, a senior officer has said. About a quarter of all new recruits this year come from East European countries, especially Poland and Hungary, said Colonel Gerard de die deputy commander of the crack fighting unit. "Our figures for the first half of the year, the period corresponding to the fall of border restrictions between East and West, show a surge of recruits from Eastern Europe," he told Reuters. In the first baif of last year, only four per cent of the legion's recruits came from West Europe. The 8,500-man French legion was founded more

#### than 150 years ago. 45 prisoners escape

PANAMA CITY (R) - Fortyfive prisoners, some described as highly dangerous, escaped Monday while being transported to an infamous penal colony off the Pacific coast of Panama, authorities said. They said 10 of the prisoners were rounded up soon after their escape, but 35 others remained on the loose. An interior ministry spokesman said the prisoners fied before dawn as they were being sent by bus from Panama City to a port in central Veraguas province. From the port they were to have been taken by ship to Coiba, a prison island known for torture and death under former military leader Manuel Antonio Noriega, ousted in the U.S. invasion of Panama last December.

#### **Drinking slurs your** speech

BONN (R) - West German

police say they have proved what most people already know drinking too much makes your speech slurred. The federal crime office announced on Tuesday that: scientists taped the speech of 40 policemen told to get "systemati" cally drunk." The result, it said, was "a considerable drop in the ability of expression, an increase in the numbers of slips of the tongue and exceptionally long. pauses." Scientists also learned ordinary people listening to tapes of drunken and sober persons had no problems hearing if they had been imbibing or not. The result showed that persons with out linguistic education were pretty much able to distinguishbetween sober speech and speech under the influence of alcohol," the federal crime office said. The statement said the result would be useful in courts to establish for instance, whether a tele-phoned bomb threat had been made by a drunk.

#### Liberian rebels hold 14 hostages; African leaders consider intervention with the wanton killing of innoperhaps other countries in West MONROVIA (AP) - A Libe-There was no indication any of cent people, especially women Africa were planning to evacuate

rian rebel leader who had threatened to take hostages to force outside intervention in the civil war has seized at least 14 foreigners in Monrovia, the U.S. State Department announced.

Meanwhile, West African leaders meeting in Gambia said they were working out the logistics of sending troops to Liberia to help end the war. The West African summit was to resume Tuesday.

And the United States, which over the weekend began airlifting Americans and other foreigners from the chaotic capital, shipped out 2.500 marines to relieve another marine unit off Liberia's

One of the hostages taken Monday was an American. according to State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler. She did not know the nationalities of the others. Tutwiler said the hostages were taken to a camp outside the capital city by forces loyal to Prince Johnson, who heads one of two factions squadron, are to depart Morefighting the government of President Samuel K. Doe.

According to the U.S. report. there were 14 to 15 hostages. But the British foreign office said Tuesday that there were 16 hostages, four of whom were British

The British embassy in Monrovia is trying "to obtain their early release through contacts with Johnson," the foreign office said. It had no further details.

the hostages had been harmed. Johnson had said on Saturday that he would start arresting foreigners in an attempt to provoke outside intervention in ending the

seven-month-old civil war. The United States has been closely allied with Liberia for decades but has said it has no intention of intervening mili-

Meanwhile, U.S. marines operating from a flotilla of vessels offshore evacuated an additional 20 persons from Liberia on Monday. Six of the evacuees were Americans and the rest were foreigners, Tutwiler said.

The evacuations began over the weekend with the departure of 62 Americans and 12 foreigners to neighbouring Sierra Leone. About 35 of the Americans had left Sierra Leone for the

United States by Monday. Tuesday, 2,500 marines from camp Lejeune and the new river air station, including a helicopter head city, North Carolina on the way to replace a 2,200-member marine unti operating from a flotilla off the Liberian coast, said ported. Ist Lt. Colleen Ryan, a spokeswoman.

foreign intervention, broke with The United States has had a Taylor earlier in the conflict. standing offer to facilitate Doe's departure from the country but Jawara said the world was look-

U.S. officials said they also

he has shown no interest in accepting it.

understood that Nigeria and Liberia into "a slaughterhouse

Gambian President Sir Dawda ing to the West African economic community, which he chairs, for a solution to end the war turning

We can no longer afford to let the situation deteriorate further,' he said in an opening address.

We, the leaders of West Africa, have an important moral duty to stand up to the task." Jawara said the war also was

and children.

seriously affecting neighbouring states sheltering hundreds of thousands of refugees from the

The U.N. World Food Prog-

ramme said Monday it was providing an additional 25 000 tonnes of rice, oil, fish and meat for refugees it estimated at 200,000 in Guinea, 110,000 in Ivory Coast and 30,000 in Sierra Leone. Most of the 5,000 people killed in the war are civilians of the Gio

or Mano tribes who form the backbone of the rebellion and those of President Samuel Doe's Krahn tribe and mandingos accused of supporting him. Bodies litter the streets of

Monrovia, which is under siege by armies of Doe, Taylor and Johnson. The Liberian capital has been without electricity, running water and fresh food supplies for a month.

Doe and Johnson have appealed for the United States to intervene militarily to end their conflict, and have said they would welcome African peacekeepers. Taylor's opposition stems from

distrust of Nigeria, whose President Ibrahim Babangida has been a close ally of Doe.

### U.S., Vietnam end 1st round of talks

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -The United States and Vietnam held their first formal talks on in 1978 and are now fighting with peace settlement to end 20 years of conflict in which millions of Cambodians have died. "The American and Viet-

"the lover of half-measures." was namese sides have presented the more surprising in that it their views ...especially on the issues of self-determination of the came after weeks of increasingly sharp confrontation. Cambodian people through Since his election as president general elections; of the restoraof the biggest of the 15 Soviet tion of peace; and the prevention republics in May, in the teeth of of the Khmer Rouge's return to opposition from Gorbachev, power," said Vietnam's U.N. Yeltsin has kept up the pressure. ambassador, Trinh Xuan Lang. Russia has drawn up a rival,

The Khmer Rouge has drawn more radical reform programme, world condemnation because it declared that its laws take precepresided over the deaths of over a dence over Soviet laws, laid claim million Cambodians from 1975-78 to all banks on its territory and through executions, starvation started direct talks with secesand forced relocation. The

Khmer Rouge were ousted in Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia Cambodia on Monday, seeking a other guerrilla groups to regain control of the government. Trinh led Vietnam's team on

Monday and Kenneth M. Quinn,

deputy assistant secretary of state

for East Asian-Pacific affairs, led the U.S. delegation. The talks also dealt with the "the role of the United Nations, and international guarantees on the neutrality of Cambodia," Trinh told reporters after the 31/2

hours of discussions at Vietnam's U.N. mission. Most nations favour a ceasefire in Cambodia, followed by general elections to establish a new government. Differences exist over the role that the Khmer Rouge or

the Hanoi-backed Phnom Penh

transitional administration, which would be supervised by the United Nations. Ouinn declined to characterise the tone of the talks as he left,

merely telling reporters that "we

came up to talk about Cambodia

as a result of Secretary (of State

government would have in any

James) Baker's initiative and policy change, and that's what we On July 18, Baker announced that the United States was withdrawing its recognition of the Khmer Rouge-dominated resistance coalition fighting the Viet-

"We also brought up to PoW-mia issue," Quinn added, referring to the American soldiers still

missing in Indochina. U.S. officials say there are over 2,300 Americans missing in the region, including 1,678 in Vietnam. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Mary Carlin

Yates said the discussions were

Trinh described the talks as "business-like," and said "we think that there is a better understanding." More U.S.-Vietnam talks will be held soon, at a time and place to be agreed upon,

When questioned directly on whether the United States and namese-installed government of Vietnam had narrowed their dif-Cambodia and would begin talks ferences on the Cambodian issues, Trinh would only repeat that "better understanding" had

both sides said.

### **WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Greek police arrest arms dealers

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Police arrested two suspected arms dealers and found guns, hand grenades and maps of wealthy Athens suburbs in one of the men's weapons repair-store, police said Monday. The owner, identified as Vassilis Danalatos, 27, was charged Monday with criminal counts of arms dealing and possession and setting up an arms ring, a court official said on the condition of anonymity. Other charges were forgery and resisting authority. The plush suburbs that were reportedly marked on the maps - Kastri, Ekali, Glyfada and Voula - are home to politicians, industrialists and ship owners.

#### Nkomo sworn in as vice president

HARARE, Zimbabewe (AP) - President Robert Mugabe Monday swore in a second vice president, putting the final seal on a unity pact with the main opposition party he signed 21/2 years ago. In a ceremony at Mugabe's official residence, Joshua Nkomo, 73, once a fugitive from Mugabe's police, became equal in rank to vice president Simon Muzenda, a longtime ruling party loyalist. The post was created by a constitutional amendment passed by the 150-seat parliament. In a unity accord signed in December 1987 Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union merged with Zimbabwe African People's Union led by Nkomo. The two parties both fought in the guerrilla war that ended British colonial rule in 1980.

#### 18 killed in head-on truck collision

HAVANA (R) — Eighteen people were killed and 31 were injured when a truck carrying families to a carnival collided head-on with another truck in eastern Cuba Sunday, the domestic news agency AIN said Monday. The road accident, the worst in Cuba this year, occurred on a bend on the main road between Cuba's second city of Santiago de Cuba and the town of Palma Soriano, some 950 kilometres southeast of Havana. AIN said most of the fatalities, which included a one-year-old baby and children aged four, six and seven, were travelling in a truck carrying 60 people to a carnival in Palma Soriano.

### 'Gorbachev -Yeltsin pact amounts to political alliance' MOSCOW (R) - President 1990 the country will really have a for decades the Soviet Union's

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ing radical Boris Yeltsin on a joint economic reform programme amounts to a political alliance, Pravda said on Tuesday. The Communist Party newspaper, edited by Gorbachev allv Ivan Frolov, said it would lead to

a radicalisation of attempts to

move the country towards a mar-

Mikhail Gorbachev's surprise

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ket economy. The front-page commentary praised both men for their political flexibility and sense of responsibility in subduing their longstanding mutual antagonism.

A joint committee, selected by

the two men to draft a new, more

radical programme by the end of

August, held its first meeting on Monday. Yeltsin, president of the giant Russian Republic and the standard-bearer of radical reformers. chaired the meeting. Gorbachev

is on holiday in the Crimea. Since his break with Gorbachev in 1987, Yeltsin has kept up a barrage of criticism of the slow pace of reform, saying the Soviet leader had failed to overcome the resistance of conservatives in the huge bureaucracy and

Communist party. Radical politicians hailed the agreement, announced last Wednesday, as a sign Gorbachev

was moving to the left. The Pravda article --- signed by one of its top editorial staff, Yegor Gaidar - was also enthusiastic about the accord, referring to it twice as a "political

alliance." "It seems that by September 1,

Pravda said prospects for reminded politicians quit the party. form had seemed gloomy until Gorbachev's closest aides, such as Alexander Yakovlev, declined recently, given the hostility beto stand for the party politburo. tween the two men.

Soviet experts defuse bomb MOSCOW (R) — Soviet army experts have defused a powerful bomb clamped to the bottom of a car outside a Moscow house.

TASS news agency said Tuesday. It was not immediately clear whether the attempted attack had political motives or who was the intended target. One police source linked the bomb to rivalry

between criminal gangs. TASS said the expertly-made bomb could have destroyed the car, killed the occupants and damaged buildings over a large

area if it had exploded. It quoted an eye-witness as saying the device, clamped by magnets to the bottom of the

vehicle, fell off as the car accelerated away sharply from its parking place.

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It was not clear when the incident occurred.

TASS said the bomb used a mercury detonator, which triggers an explosion when the car goes up or down hill. Similar devices have been used by the guerrilla Irish Republican Army in their campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

An early report referred to the involvement of "terrorists" in the Moscow incident, suggesting political motives, but TASS later corrected the reference to "cri-